

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia! Sons of Men And Angels Say, Alleluia! Sing, Ye Heavens, And Earth, Reply, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Last Supper** — On Passover evening, Jesus arrived with his disciples. . . Later, as they were eating, Jesus took bread and asked God's blessing on it, and broke it into pieces and gave it to them and said: "Eat it, this is my body." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And Jesus said to them: "This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the new agreement between God and man. . . For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are re-telling the message of the Lord's death." (Mark 14:17-26)

**In The Garden** — Then, accompanied by the disciples, he left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. There he told them, "Pray God that you will not be overcome by temptation." He walked away, perhaps a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed this prayer: "Father, if you are willing, please take away this cup of horror from me. But I want your will, not mine." Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him, for he was in such agony of spirit that he broke into a sweat of blood, with great drops falling to the ground as he prayed more and more earnestly. (Luke 22:39-44)

**The Crucifixion** — As the crowd led Jesus away to his death, two criminals were led out to be executed with him at a place called "The Skull." There, all three were crucified, with Jesus on the center cross. "Father, forgive these people," Jesus said, "for they don't know what they are doing." The soldiers mocked him, and they shouted to him: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" A signboard was nailed to the cross with the words: "This is the King of the Jews." . . . Then Jesus shouted: "Father, I commit my spirit to you," and with those words he died. (Luke 23:26-47)

**The Empty Tomb** — Early on Sunday morning: . . . Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning. . . . Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be frightened!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified, but he isn't here! For he has come back to life again, just as he said he would. . . . And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead and that he is going to Galilee to meet them there. That is my message to them." (Matthew 28:1-7)

**The Ascension** — Still later, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. . . He told them: "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Therefore, go and make disciples in all the world, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. . . I am with you always even to the end of the world." . . . He began rising in the sky and went on to heaven, and sat down at God's right hand. (Mark 16:13-20) (All photos by RNS, from paintings by artists Richard and Frances Hooks, with edited text from The Living Bible.)

Sponsored By Jaycees

## Wilson To Speak At Easter Sunrise Hour

For the third consecutive year the Jackson Jaycees are sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service at the Mississippi Memorial Stadium on Easter Morning, April 2, at 7 a. m.



The featured guest speaker will be Dr. Grady B. Wilson, Associate Evangelist on the Billy Graham team since 1947. Dr. Wilson was last in the State of Mississippi during the Camille disaster in help in fund raising for the Coast.



He was ordained to ministry of the Baptist church in 1943, and was pastor of the Bonneau Baptist Church, Bonneau, S. C., Bethel Baptist Church, Bethera, S. C., Immanuel Baptist Church, Summerville, S. C., and Friendship Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. from 1942-47. He has been with the Billy Graham Evangelistic team since 1947.

Dr. Wilson received the D. D. from Wayland College, Plainview, Texas in 1953. In 1959 he received the LL.D. from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri and D. Litt from John Brown University, Arkansas in 1968.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College and since 1969 has been a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia.

The Evangelist is Vice-President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Board. He is a graduate of Central High School, Charlotte, North Carolina and received a B.S. from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

Dr. Joe H. Tuten of the Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson will give the invocation. Dr. Tuten came to Jackson as pastor of Calvary in 1961 and has been instrumental in the growth of the church in his tenure. He received his B. A. Degree from Furman University in 1943 and his Th.D. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1954. Dr. Tuten is presently working in many areas of community involvement with his church.

Governor William Waller will also appear on the program and give his personal Testimony. Governor Waller is very active in the civic and church affairs. He is a Mason, a Shriner, past American Legion post commandant. (Continued On Page 3)

## Bible Conference For Blind Apr. 14-16

Blind persons from every section of the state are expected to be in Jackson April 14-16 for a statewide Bible Conference, the first of its kind to be held in Mississippi, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Dr. Rogers said the conference, to be held at the Heidelberg Hotel, will begin on Friday evening at 7:30 and close at noon on Sunday. (Continued On Page 3)

## WMU Convention Meets In Hattiesburg

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
From the thump of the president's gavel in the beginning to the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" at the close, not one moment of dullness crept into the program of the 1972 meeting of Woman's Missionary Union Convention.

"Lengthen. . . Strengthen" was the theme, from Isaiah 54:2 — "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy chords and strengthen thy stakes."

For the first time in many years, the Mississippi WMU met away from Jackson, this time on March 21 and 22 at First Church, Hattiesburg. Women from Hattiesburg and the Lebanon Association offered a gracious welcome. William Carey College contributed a great deal to the program, furnishing special music, student panelists, and a dining room for two special luncheons. For the first time, too, the convention met under the leadership of a new WMU executive secretary, Miss Marjean Patterson.

Though the subject of missions is always exciting and challenging, full of humor and pathos, joy and hope, the variety in presentation made all



New officers of the State W. M. U. Convention elected at the annual Convention last week, are, from left: Mrs. John Causey, Corinth, recording secretary; Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president, (re-elected); Mrs. Carey Cox, Brandon, vice-president, (re-elected), and Mrs. Joel D. Ray, Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.

## Appointment Service At City Auditorium

# State To Host FMB Meet Apr. 10-12

About 16 persons, including a Mississippi couple, will be appointed to overseas posts by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium April 11. The appointment service, which is open to the public, will begin at 7:15 p. m.

Among the appointees will be the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long of Mississippi City. He is pastor of First Baptist Church there. The couple and their two young children will go to Belgium where Long will be pastor of an English-language congregation.

The appointment service will be a feature of the Foreign Mission Board's business meeting beginning Monday evening, April 10, and closing Wednesday afternoon, April 12.

Most business sessions will be held at Jackson's First Baptist Church and the state Baptist building.

Dr. John L. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb.

Taylor will participate in the appointment service along with Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Cauthen will deliver a traditional charge to the new appointees and give them certificates of appointment. They will be assigned to work in eight countries. Prior to departure for overseas, they will go through a special 14-week orientation.

Preceding the appointments Cauthen will give his report to the board.

In a business session the board also is expected to approve 75 young col-

lege graduates for two-year terms of service as missionary journeymen. Following a seven-week training period this summer, the journeymen will work with career missionaries in 26 countries.

The board has more than 2,500 missionaries stationed in 75 countries.

The Jackson meeting will be the fourth semiannual (April) meeting of the board outside its Richmond, Va., headquarters in as many years. The agency met and appointed missionaries in Dallas, Tex., Lakeland, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., in April of the past three years.

Board members and administrative staff members, missionary candidates and guests will meet for dinner at First Church, Jackson, at 6:30 p. m. Monday, April 10.

Various committees of the board will be in session all day Tuesday prior to the appointment service that night.

Business sessions will resume at 9 a. m. Wednesday. Reports will be pre-

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## U.S. Church Members Estimated 131,945,953

NEW YORK (RNS) — Membership in U. S. churches and synagogues stood at 131,945,953 in 1971, according to the 1972 Yearbook of American Churches.

The count, compiled by the National Council of Churches, indicates a slight rise (from 62.4 per cent in 1970 to 63.2 per cent in 1971) in the percentage of the population having religious affiliation.

But this statistic is not considered conclusive and the total cannot be compared to the previous over-all figure of 128,505,084, partly because of the addition of denominations in the 1971 tabulation.

"Only on an individual Church-by-Church basis can losses or gains be accurately reported," said Constant

H. Jacquet, Jr., editor of the Yearbook, which this year for the first time was published in Nashville by

Abingdon Press, a United Methodist agency, rather than directly by the National Council.

## Atlanta Baptist College Gets \$1 Million Donation

ATLANTA (BP)—Atlanta Baptist College here has received a \$1 million gift, one of the largest single donations ever given a Georgia Baptist institution. The contribution came from Arthur T. Davis, a trustee of the school and official of the Davis Food Service, Inc. Davis, a member of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, did not specify how the \$1 million is to be used.

Monroe F. Swilley, president of the college, said that use of the funds will be determined by Davis and the trustees. Swilley said the gift would "strengthen immeasurably the financial foundation of the school and will lift the level of confidence in the future of this institution."

Swilley also reported that the Sylvester Baptist Church of Atlanta, located in an area of racial change, had voted to disband and to give its property to the college. Swilley said the sale of the property is expected to bring about \$150,000.

Mr. Jacquet strongly warned against drawing hasty conclusions from statistics in the Yearbook. In terms of a quarter-century trend, he said, growth in over-all membership is at a "standstill."

In many cases, the 1972 Yearbook must compare 1969 and 1970 figures because that was all that was available at the time the volume was edited. Moreover, statistics from the various Churches do not always reflect the same time periods. Some are known to be quite out of date.

Mr. Jacquet also noted that some groups such as the Roman Catholic Church and a number of Protestant denominations include baptized infants as members while other Churches omit all non-confirmed persons.

Using the total from the 1971 Official Catholic Directory (Kenedy) which appeared in the Spring of 1971, Roman Catholic membership is placed at 48,214,729. The total for 193 Protestants, including Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses which are not strictly Protestant, is cited at 71,712,896.

Twenty Eastern and Orthodox (Continued On Page 2)

## Spain Evangelicals Generally Have Religious Freedom

MADRID (BP)—Evangelical Christians in Spain are generally free to give open testimonies, publish a d sell literature and begin new work, according to the secretary of the national Evangelical Defense Committee.

The 1976 Spanish law guaranteeing religious freedom to officially recognized non-Catholic groups is satisfactory to the government and evangelical churches alike, said Defense Committee Secretary Jose Cardona. Cardona, a Baptist pastor, appraised the legal standing and activities of evangelical groups in Spain in a report to the Immanuel Baptist Church here.

## 'Solid Rock Festival' Is Ready For Gulf Coast

Going to the Coast this Easter weekend? Be sure to attend the second annual "Solid Rock Festival" which begins Friday evening, March 31, on the beach at Gulfport.

A Christian music event, featuring mainly Christian folk music, the Festival is named from the hymn, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

The site is the Joseph T. Jones Memorial Park, a grassy area just across highway 90 from the First Baptist Church and very near the

white sand beach. Admission is free. Friday night's program will feature such groups and individuals as "God's Desire" from Ocean Springs, the "Singing Navigators" from Greenville, "The New Christian Sounds" of the Handsboro Baptist Church, and Christine McClamroch Ahern, Miss Mississippi, 1970.

Highlights for the Saturday session, beginning at 10 a. m. and lasting until after 6 p. m., include "The Shifalo (Continued On Page 5)

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# Number of Church Members Estimated

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Churches are said to have 3,850,483 members; Old Catholic, Polish National Catholic and Armenian 848,400; Buddhists, 100,000, and miscellaneous, 449,445. The latter category includes Spiritualists and the Ethical Culture movement.

The constituency of Jewish congregations is set at 5,870,000.

In terms of parishes or local congregations, the following breakdown is given. Protestant, 296,187; Roman Catholic, 23,708; Eastern, 1,490; Jewish, 5,000; miscellaneous, 1,587; Old Catholic, Polish and Armenian, 655, and Buddhist, 60.

In 1971, the Catholic Church recorded an increase of 343,640 (or 0.7 per cent) over 1970, when a loss was reported.

The Yearbook states the Southern Baptist Convention received 140,324 new members, a 1.2 per cent increase which did exceed the 1.1 per cent rate of population growth. In 1970, the Convention had 11,628,032 members, making it the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

However, the Southern Baptists have already released results of newer research showing that the 1971 membership was 11,870,619; with 240,739 new members accounted for.

According to the data available to the Yearbook, some smaller Protestant denominations registered increases between 1969 and 1970: The Christian Reform Church, from 284,737 to 285,628; the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), from 147,752 to 150,198; the Church of the Nazarene, from 372,943 to 383,284, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, from 407,766 to 420,419.

Losses were reported by many "mainline" Protestant denominations. The United Methodist Church was down from 10,824,010 to 10,671,774; the United Presbyterian Church, from 3,165,490 to 3,088,213; the Lutheran Church in America, from 3,135,684 to 3,106,844; the United Church of Christ, from 1,977,898 to 1,960,603, and the Episcopal Church, from 3,330,272 to 3,285,826.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) dropped from 1,444,465 in 1969 to 1,424,479 in 1970, but new figures show that the 1971 total was only 1,391,210, a decrease of almost 40,000.

For Canada, the 1972 Yearbook shows 12,300,720 members in 20 Churches. By far the largest is the Roman Catholic with 8,759,625. The Anglican Church of Canada was shown to have 1,126,570 members in 1970 and the United Church of Canada 1,033,533.

The 1972 Yearbook also contains data on contributions received by selected Churches. Forty-five groups having a total membership of 42,941,762 received \$3,826,852,386, of \$89.12 per member. Of this, \$71.34 per member stayed in local parishes.

In the 1971 Yearbook, 48 Churches (not necessarily the same as in the year later tabulation) received \$3,000,580,300, or \$87 per member, indicating a rise in per capita giving between 1969 and 1970.

Using 1970 figures from the U. S.

Department of Commerce, expenditures for religious construction have continued to decline from a 1965 high. In 1970, \$921,000,000 was spent for new construction, as compared to \$949,000,000 in 1969 and \$1,207,000,000 in 1965. The effect of inflation must be taken into account when dealing with these figures, Mr. Jacquet noted.

The new Yearbook reports an increase in the number of ordained clergy. The total given is 393,828, compared to 387,642 the previous year. Of the total, 235,189 are said to serve parishes, and that is up from 217,360 in the previous report.

The Yearbook for 1972 contains information on 236 religious groups in the U.S. and 76 in Canada. The volume has been published annually, with a few exceptions, for 56 years. Standing orders this year will be filled by Abingdon Press, and the book will be available in bookstores at \$8.95 per copy.

Following is a list of the 14 largest Churches in the U. S., according to the figures published in the Yearbook:

**Communion — Inclusive Membership:**  
1. The Roman Catholic Church, 48,214,729; 2. Southern Baptist Convention, 11,870,619; 3. The United Methodist Church, 10,671,774; 4. National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., 5,500,000; 5. The Episcopal Church, 3,285,826; 6. Lutheran Church in America, 3,106,844; 7. United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 3,088,213; 8. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, 2,788,536; 9. National Baptist Convention of America, 2,668,799; 10. The American Lutheran Church, 2,543,293; 11. Churches of Christ, 2,400,000; 12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2,073,146; 13. United Church of Christ, 1,960,603; 14. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, 1,950,000.

## Lee Roy Till, SBC Musician, In Coma With Encephalopathy

DALLAS (BP)—A mystery illness which struck one of Southern Baptists' best known musicians in February, leaving him in a semi-coma, has been described as encephalopathy by physicians at Baylor Medical Center here.

Lee Roy Till, minister of music at 16,000-member First Baptist Church, Dallas, has slept almost constantly since he was stricken. Neurologists and neurosurgeons believe he will gradually improve over the next several weeks.

Till was stricken during a revival in Kerrville, Tex. At first physicians thought he had suffered a stroke, or a viral disease. After extensive tests, they believe the encephalopathy is being caused by a malfunction of the brain.



Major program personalities included Mrs. Bullard Jones of Oakdale, La., music director and soloist; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Mrs. Bryant Hicks, New York City, who brought the devotional messages; Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU; and Mrs. Grayson Tennison, missionary to Portugal.



The William Carey College Chorale, directed by Dr. Donald Winters, gave a Mini Concert on Tuesday evening.



Dr. Brooks Wester, far right, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, greets out-of-town attendees at the WMU Convention, including, left to right: Bryant Cummings, director, state Sunday School Department, a key speaker; Carey Cox, executive secretary, Baptist Foundation, (Mrs. Carey Cox is vice-president, Miss. WMU); Mrs. B. B. McGee, of Columbus, WMU director of District IV; and Mrs. W. D. McWilliams, editorial associate, the Baptist Record.



MOTHERS OF MISSIONARIES were honored at a luncheon. LEFT TO RIGHT, SEATED: Mrs. W. T. Harris, mother of Emogene Harris, Nigeria; Mrs. W. C. Buie, mother of James Buie, Spain; Mrs. Thomas R. Bryan, mother of Mrs. Lee Dan Grubb, who serves in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Stanley McPhail, mother of Fonce McFadden, Nigeria; Mrs. J. A. Porter, mother of Mrs. Edward B. Trott, Brazil; Mrs. D. L. Johnson, mother of Paul B. Johnson, Philippines. LEFT TO RIGHT, STANDING: Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, mother of Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria; Mrs. Martin J. Gilbert, mother of James Gilbert, Ecuador; Mrs. Lewis Myers, mother of Lewis I. Myers, Vietnam; Mrs. Jake Thurman, mother of Tom Thurman, Bangladesh; Mrs. Maurice Martin, mother of Mrs. Carol Martin Simon, Uganda; Mrs. A. J. Merritt, mother of Dewey Merritt, Nigeria; Mrs. James Bradley, mother of Mrs. Bob Magee, Chile.

## At The Woman's Missionary Convention



Mississippi missionaries talking at Garaywa's silver anniversary: Left to right, L. P. Marler, Guam; Dr. Edwina Robinson, moderator; Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Gaza; Mrs. James Young, Bangladesh; and Mrs. Edd Trott, Brazil. Others on the panel were Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria; Emogene Harris, Nigeria; and Mrs. Marler.



Mrs. Charles Higgins, left, director of public relations, Clarke College, interviews Miss Margaret Lackey, played by Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb. This was one of five dramatic "visits" with characters from the past.



Mrs. Fred Propst, missionary, Atlanta, Ga., speaks on "Long-then... Strengthen Through the Inner City." Mrs. Vernon May, state WMU president, is seated in background.

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of Hattiesburg was pianist. On Tuesday evening the Carey College Chorale, directed by Dr. Donald Winters, presented a Mini Concert. Their presentation of "O Zion Haste" was deeply moving.

Dramatic interviews. — Five interviews with missionary leaders of the past were so skillfully and artfully done that the women attending the convention felt they had actually met Ann Judson, Annie Armstrong, Margaret Lackey, Fannie Heck, and Lottie Moon. Mrs. Charles Higgins, public relations director at Clarke College, was the questioner in all the interviews. Dressed each according to her own century, in ruffles, bonnets, shawls, long dresses, boots, or high-topped shoes, the five interviewees all did a superb job of acting. Impersonations were done by Miss Frances Shaw, Mrs. Billie Williams, Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb, Mrs. Charles Tyler, and Mrs. Vince Scoper.

Worship periods. — Mrs. Bryant Hicks, of New York City, wife of a missionary professor, led the devotional messages at the beginning of each session. In one message she pointed out to the women: "We are one of a kind. God made every person different and unique. Hence there are certain contributions that only you, each individual, can make to the world and to God's plan."

Student panel. — Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, public relations director at William Carey College and former missionary to Israel, was moderator for a panel of missionary kids and internationals from Carey College, at the Tuesday afternoon session. MK's involved were Robert and Dannie Lindsey, Israel; Nan Davis, Ghana; Miriam and Elizabeth Williams, Nigeria; and Jason Carlisle, Uruguay.

Foreign students included Samuel Oloronto and Joshua Oyeken from Nigeria; Nancy Gough from Indonesia; Jareer Tabari and Issa Saba from Israel; Trevor Ebanks and Eloise Parchman from Carmen Islands and Philip Karimamananaph from India. This was not only one of the liveliest and most entertaining of the program features. It was also heart-stirring as some of the foreign students told of Baptist work in their lands and thanked the women of Mississippi for helping to send missionaries to their countries.

Special luncheons. — Two WMU luncheons were held at William Carey College during the convention — one honoring program personalities, the other honoring mothers of Mississippi missionaries. (At the Tuesday morning session, Mrs. Carey Cox, state WMU vice-president, introduced the mothers of missionaries.) At one of the luncheons, announcement was made for the first time that the WMU Special Day Offering would henceforth be known as The Edwina Robinson WMU Special Day Offering, named for Miss Robinson, who retired last year as executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Silver Anniversary. — Camp Graywa's silver anniversary was commemorated by a panel featuring Mississippi missionaries, and also by a reception that followed the Tuesday evening session. Dr. Edwina Robinson, moderator of the panel, talked with the missionaries about what Camp Graywa had meant to them in their personal lives and in their missionary service. Those who talked with her were Emogene Harris, Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. L. Parks Marler, Guam; Mrs. Edd Trott, Brazil; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria; Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Gaza; and Mrs. James Young, Bangladesh.

After briefly discussing their fields of service, these missionaries mentioned several prayer requests: Pray for Nigerian students who are studying in countries all over the world. Pray for the women of Gaza who have so few personal rights or privileges, whose families will disown them if they openly become Christians. Pray for the refugees in Gaza. Pray for the people of Bangladesh, the sick and hungry and otherwise troubled people of a recently war-torn area. Pray that more missionaries may feel the call to go to Brazil.

At the reception in Koinonia Hall, tall yellow tapers adorned the refreshment table. Around the edges of the room, missionaries greeted WMU ladies and other guests from all over the state. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Comer, who work with the Navajos in Gallup, New Mexico, displayed a red velvet jacket, strings of turquoise beads, pictures of their grandchildren in the feathered bonnets of an Indian chief. Mary Frank Kirkpatrick gave a demonstration on African drums, while modeling a Nigerian dress. Other missionaries displayed items from various countries. Miss Patterson, the executive secretary, was wearing a dress made of hand-embroidered material brought to her from Gaza by Mrs. McGlamery.

Mrs. H. M. Crenshaw, of Hattiesburg, was chairman in charge of the reception. Mrs. Joel Ray was in charge of ushers from sixteen churches of Lebanon Association; Mrs. Bruce Aultman was in charge of decorations for the whole convention; and Mrs. Mary Ross Daniels was general chairman. Mrs. Betty Bingham of Jackson designed the attractive program folders.

Featured speakers — Dr. Sam

Debord, director of promotion, Foreign Mission Board, spoke on foreign missions, and Rev. Cecil Etheredge, personnel secretary, Home Mission Board, on home missions. Mr. Etheredge said, "We need to move toward the terminology of 'Christian' or 'world' missions and move away from the use of 'home and foreign' missions. In fact, we should drop the terms, 'home and foreign,' from our vocabulary. In meeting the challenge of world missions we must adopt a team concept in the doing of the job."

Mrs. Fred Propst of Atlanta spoke on missions in the inner city.

Bryant Cummings, director of the state Sunday School Department, spoke on state missions and emphasized the 1972-73 state convention program of emphasis on Sunday school enlargement and evangelism.

In concluding her message, Mrs. Jack Comer, missionary to the Navajos in New Mexico, sang "Blessed Assurance" in the Navajo language. Earlier her husband had explained that some Navajos do speak English, but that all of them speak Navajo. "To them the Navajo language is the language of the heart," he said, "and to reach them with the message of Christ, we must give the gospel to them in the language of their hearts."

Mrs. Grayson Tennison, missionary to Portugal, reported, "Portuguese Baptists scored a first in securing weekly air time for a music program — Musica para Meditar. An average of just over 50 letters a week from all over Portugal tell us a 'new song' has filled the hearts of some of our listeners."

"Cold brick and mortar cannot express the warmth of love, nor the depth of appreciation expressed by those who meet in reverent worship

within such walls — but Southern Baptists have made it possible for nineteen congregations to have their own buildings where men and God meet week by week."

She told of a Baptist book store in Portugal where there are three display windows and where a Bible is kept open in the middle window. One day when the Bible was open to Psalm 23, a young girl read the passage and entered the store. "I want a book like that one in the window," she said. "I have never seen one like it before, and those are the most beautiful words I have ever read."

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU president, SBC, and president of the Women's Division of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke on the subjects, "Lengthen... Strengthen Through Women's Missionary Union" and "Lengthen... Strengthen Through Women's Work."

She said, "We must be genuine Christians if we are to influence today's young people — not just run-of-the-mill church members."

She spoke of many Baptist women — and men — whom she knows all over the world, and told of an invitation extended to her to visit the Baptist churches of East Germany in June of this year — a very rare invitation indeed.

As she talked of the world fellowship of Baptists, she said, "When we pray, 'Our Father,' we acknowledge it is his world." Then following Mrs. Mathis' speech, as a climax to the whole missionary convention, Mrs. Jones led the congregation in singing "The Lord's Prayer."

What is it that impels an interest in missions?

"Missionaries are born — not made — born again in the true image of God, and all who are born again must become His missionary." That was the way Mrs. Tennison explained it.



Committeewoman Extraordinary

Miss Sue Tatum of Yazoo City was recording secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, from 1961-1966 and has been associate recording secretary 1967-1972.

When a new recording secretary and associate were elected last week at the WMU Convention, Mrs. Vernon May, president, thanked Miss Tatum for her many years of service to WMU and read to the Convention a long, long list of committees and other jobs Miss Tatum has worked on since 1967. Above, Miss Tatum is holding the list.

Just a sample of the jobs on the list: member of the Board; BWC chairman; Program Planning Committee; International Houseparty Committee; YWA Committee; Prayer Programs Committee; Camp Policy Committee; Camp Maintenance Committee; Personnel Committee; Finance Committee chairman; Long Range Project Committee; Committee to Consider Future Sites for WMU Convention; member of team to Montana; Scholarship Committee chairman; Policy and Personnel Committee chairman; Committee to Study Associational Meetings for Youth Division.



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er, a founder and director of Alcoholics Rehabilitation Center, and a member of Civitan and Moose. The Waller family is active in the First Baptist Church in Jackson. Bill is a deacon, and has served as assistant Sunday School superintendent. His wife, Carroll has taught a women's class there for more than 20 years.

The special music will be presented by the Colonials, a Group from Jackson. They started out singing together in church as many groups do. They met at Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson when Tom Larrimore was called there as music director. The number of opportunities to sing increased steadily from revivals, church conventions, worship services and special concerts. These engagements gave the Colonials a chance to serve God through spiritual singing and testimony.

The members of the Trio are Bill Clark, who sings lead and plays the piano; Don Legg, First Tenor; and Tom Larrimore, Baritone. Bill is an Account Executive with WLBT - Channel 3, Don is with IBM, and Tom is now a Music Evangelist. The Colonials will sing several songs as well as lead the congregation in singing.

The benediction will be given by Rev. J. K. Stuart, pastor of the Capitol Street United Methodist Church for the past two years and prior to that served pastorates in Tennessee for seventeen years.

James Carr, Chaplain of the Jaycees will give the welcome of behalf of the Jaycees. Assisting James Carr in the planning and preparation are Jaycee Chairmen James McCay and Roger McGeehee, Jr.

Paul Turner, president of the Jaycees, said, "We hope many citizens of Jackson will attend the service and join us in celebrating the Easter Season by attending the Sunrise Service." The service will be nondenominational and will conclude by 8:15 so everyone can still attend their regular church services that morning.

## State To Host - - -

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sented by the directors of the board's three administrative divisions, various department heads, consultants and secretaries of the six world areas in which the mission agency administers its work.

Reports of special committees and miscellaneous business are slated for the closing session April 12.

## Bible Conference - - -

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Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be the Bible teacher.

The conference will be directed by Edwin Wilson, who is blind himself and is the founder and executive director of Christian Education for the Blind, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Wilson has given 25 years of dedicated service as publisher of church-related literature and recordings, Dr. Rogers said.

Mr. Wilson has four academic degrees and is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Charles Melton, director of religious education at Clarke College, Newton, will be moderator of the meeting.

Mr. Wilson said that the theme outline of the conference is "to keep our faith in repair through Bible study, Christian fellowship, personal witness and regular prayer."

Dr. Rogers said that the prime objective of the conference "is to communicate our Christian faith to the blind of our state."

Dr. Rogers added that any blind person is welcome to attend and that further information on cost and accommodations may be obtained by writing to Rev. Jerry St. John, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

## Organ Consultant To Be Available April 17-21

Samuel Shanko, organ consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be in Mississippi April 17-21.

He will meet with anyone throughout the state who desires his services, either in a church situation or individually. In addition, on April 17, from 7-9 p.m., he will lead an organ workshop at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, for all ministers of music and organists interested in attending.

Persons wishing to arrange for a visit from Mr. Shanko should fill out the form below and return it to Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. (These forms should be sent in as soon as possible in order to set up the most workable schedule.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position in Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Association \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check following:  
We are interested in Mr. Shanko's coming to talk with us — Call us to arrange the time. \_\_\_\_\_



## SBC Business Officers Elect Officers

The 10th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers elected officers at its meeting in Dallas. From left to right, they are, J. E. Paynter, Illinois Baptist Children's Home, chairman of conference group from child care institutions; Charles E. Neal, Virginia Baptist Homes, chairman of group from homes for the aging; Mrs. Janie Neal, SBC Annuity Board, secretary-treasurer; John H. Williams, SBC Executive Committee, general chairman of conference; Leon P. Spencer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, chairman of group from state conventions; Cliff Elkins, Second Baptist Church, Houston, chairman of group representing churches, and William H. Sellers, Baptist Record weekly newspaper, chairman of group from SBC agencies and Baptist state papers and foundations. — (BP) Photo

## NEWS BRIEFS

**BURLINGTON, Vt. (RNS)** — Vermont's statewide private, parochial school aid law was declared unconstitutional here in U. S. District Court. A three-judge panel ruled that the 1971 statute violated the First and 14th Amendments of the U. S. Constitution because it fostered an excessive government "entanglement" with religion.

**NEW YORK (RNS)** — A series of three spot announcements on the teaching of Jesus is being marketed to television stations for Lenten showing by three Protestant denominations.

The Mennonite, Presbyterian, U. S., and United Presbyterian Churches are sponsoring the 30-second "Jesus Spots," which were written and produced by the Rev. Charles Brackbill and Robert Thomson, both of the United Presbyterian Division of Mass Media.

**NEW YORK (RNS)** — The American Bible Society Record has gone to digest form with its March 1972 issue. Its new dimensions are 5 1/2 by 7 7/8 inches, a reduction from the 8 1/2 by 11 1/4 had been for the past 35 years. The number of pages has doubled from 20 to 40.

**MADISON, Wis. (RSS)** — Proposals to provide state aid to parents of pupils attending private and parochial schools came to an apparent death as the Wisconsin Legislature adjourned here without taking final action.

The Senate rejected attempts to attract a tax credit plan to the annual budget review bill. It marked the third consecutive legislative session in which efforts to grant aid to private and parochial schools, or to their pupils or parents, have failed.

**WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (BP)** — Southern Baptist College here has received nearly \$50,000 in stocks from the estate of a woman who told the president she would rather go blind than to spend the money, which she wanted to donate to the school, on expensive eye surgery.

The gift was made by Miss Brickelle Davis of El Paso, Ark. In her will, she left 507 shares of Southern Baptist stock valued at \$45,630 to the school. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, said her gift was made in the most sacrificial spirit he had witnessed in his 31 years as president of the school.

Williams recalled a letter from Miss Davis about six years ago telling him that her doctors had informed her that she must have eye surgery or face the possibility of blindness.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (EP)** — "Christ Jesus 265-0730" is a listing in the Albuquerque telephone directory.

Dial the number and a voice answers: "Christian Assembly." The voice belongs to John Leary, a 32-year-old former teacher who is now a hospital nurse. Mr. Leary told The Albuquerque News a weekly, that listing his number in the name of Jesus Christ was "a calculated move to reach troubled or searching people."

"When we meet people on the street or in the parks, they won't remember the name Leary," he explained. "But they will remember Jesus Christ and when they are in trouble or need some food and counseling, they remember to call Jesus Christ."

## CHURCH INSTALLS COMPUTER ORGAN

**WARWICK, R. I. (EP)** — A \$14,300 electronic organ with a computerized two-manual operating panel has been installed in St. Peter's Church here. It is believed to be the state's first such organ. A punch card makes selection of various tonal qualities not available on the regular stop keys.

## Yarbrough Accepts Grenada Position

Alton Yarbrough, (pictured), educational director of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson for the past seven years, has resigned to accept a similar post with First Baptist Church in Grenada.

He will succeed Gus Merritt at Grenada, who resigned there to become educational director at First Baptist Church in Lexington.

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor at

## Make Reservations Now!

## Are You Flying To Philadelphia?

Airline space for flying to and from the Southern Baptist Convention and its related meetings, to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., June 4-8, rapidly is filling up, according to Dr. Clyde Bryan of Bryan Tours, Jackson. Since the meeting is being held further than usual from the center of the convention territory, it is evident that more than the usual number of messengers plan to fly. Mr. Bryan suggests that those who intend to fly should make their plans now, so that they can get their reservations immediately. The planes are filling up and soon there will be no available space left.

Grenada, says Mr. Yarbrough will begin his work there on April 1.

Mr. Yarbrough was minister of education at First Baptist Church in Laurel for 15 years prior to going to Calvary Church, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor.

Mr. Yarbrough holds the B.A. degree from Louisiana College and the M.E.E. from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

He has been active in denominational work, serving as president of the State Religious Education Association in 1957 and has served on the faculty at both Gloria and Ridgecrest Baptist assemblies.

His ministry at Calvary has been outstanding, including the leading of the church to the No. One position in the state in 1958 in Church Training Awards, as well as other distinctions.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Record Mr. Bryan carries an advertisement concerning the reservations, and if you wish to use his services, you should contact his office immediately. While his office is in Jackson, he also can secure space from other points of departure.

Of course, reservations also can be made direct with the airlines, or with other travel agencies, whatever city of departure you may be using.

"The important thing is," says Mr. Bryan, "if you expect to fly to Philadelphia, you should make your reservations now."

## DayCamp Workshop At Garaywa

A Day Camp Workshop will be held at Camp Garaywa April 13-15, under the direction of Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The purpose of the workshop is to train leaders in the skills of day camping so that they may conduct a camp for children of a local church or association and - or train mothers in the skills of day camping.

On Thursday, April 13, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., a one-day workshop will be held under the direction of Waudine Storey, state Girls in Action director. Assisting in this one-day workshop will be Miss Doris Mathis, teacher and former Garaywa staffer from Indianapolis; Miss Sara Golding, GA director from Lee Association; and Mrs. Dolton Haggan, R.N., from Philadelphia, missionary to the Choctaws. Cost just for the one-day workshop will be \$1.50.

Paul Hattell, associate in the Brotherhood Department, will direct the workshop beginning with supper at 6 o'clock Thursday, April 13. He will be assisted by Frank Black from the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. The three-day meeting will end at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

Registration for the three-day camp clinic will be \$2.00. (Total cost will be determined by each person attending, according to length of time he or she stays, number of meals, etc.)

## Dr. Chan Inaugurated

Dr. Jachin Y. Chan was inaugurated as vice-president of Hong Kong Baptist College, Kowloon, Hong Kong, on December 19, 1971.

A native of China, Chan holds the B.A. degree from Chung Chi College, Hong Kong, both the B. D. and Th.M. degrees from the New Orleans Seminary, and received the Ph.D. degree from Louisiana State University.

Chan has served as pastor of the Shaukiwan Mandarin Baptist Church, Hong Kong, and the Chinese Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss. He has taught on the faculty of Mobile College, Mobile, Ala., and Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Dr. Chan was head of the English department of Hong Kong Baptist College when he was elected to the position of vice-president of the college.

While in Mississippi he worked with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and helped to organize Baptist work with the Chinese in several cities of the state.

## Music Workshop Set For Alta Woods

Mrs. Mabel Boyter, church music consultant and specialist in music education and children's choirs from Atlanta, Ga., will lead a workshop for ministers of music and children's choir workers beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson.

The afternoon session from 2:00 to 4:30 will include a demonstration, working with seven and eight-year-olds and then a question and answer period.

The evening session from 7:00 to 9:00 will include a discussion of methods and materials for younger children. Registration fee will be \$1.00.

## Stalneck Team To Give Concert In Pascagoula

Ed and Bette Stalneck, an evangelistic and musical team will give a concert, Wednesday evening, April 5, at 7:30 in Pascagoula's Calvary Church. The team is well-known throughout the United States and travels about 80,000 miles a year in more than 30 states and in seven countries in Europe.

Mrs. Stalneck was the first American woman soloist to perform with the Lortien Emmanuel Choir in 1962.

As an added feature, she sings to the deaf. Sometime ago she decided to learn sign language so she would be able to communicate with deaf persons and sing to them as well.

The public is invited.  
Rev. Byron E. Mathes is pastor.

## National Bus Outreach Conference Announced

**NASHVILLE** — A "National Conference on Bus Outreach" will be conducted April 17-18 at Woodridge Baptist Church, Houston, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Designed for churches in a bus ministry and those churches desiring information on bus ministry, the five-session program will feature age-group conferences and presentation of new products and materials.

For advance registration, a \$3.00 fee to cover program materials may be sent to National Conference on Bus Outreach, Sunday School Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Breakfast will be 85c; noon and supper meals, \$1.25; overnight sleeping facilities, \$1; insurance, 50c. Each is to bring his own linens.)

The program will include discussion of camping skills, first aid and safety, and nature presentations, and, on Saturday, a noon cook-out.

## Curtis Askew Accepts Pastorate In Honolulu

Rev. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan for 25 years, has accepted the position as associate pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, in charge of the Japanese language work, and the hotel ministry of the church in Waikiki hotels.

He and Mrs. Askew, the former Mary Lee Tenor, will move to Honolulu in June. They have been on furlough this year, with a Memphis address: 3277 Crete, Memphis, Tenn. 38111. That will be their address until June 1, when they may be at 1775 S. Beretania, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

Last fall, Mr. Askew served for three months as interim pastor of the Japanese congregation of Olivet. (Pastor Hirano, after a ministry of 25 years, had retired.) In December the church extended a call to the missionary to come as permanent associate pastor.

Of the Olivet Church, Mr. Askew writes: "We were much impressed with the spirit and work of the church. It was begun by our foreign missionaries displaced from China and Japan during World War II. We were also surprised to find that one-third of the population of Hawaii is of Japanese descent, and large numbers of them still speak only Japanese. There are thousands of students from Japan at the University of Hawaii, and in the East-West Center at all times. Tourists from Japan flood the place. It was estimated that about 40,000 or more came during the Christmas - New Year season alone. All that I saw and experienced added up to a great challenge for service and evangelism in the Japanese language. Within Baptist circles there was no available qualified person to do this work, so it was necessary to go to Japan to call either a missionary or a Japanese national pastor."

(In April we observe our 25th anniversary of our appointment to Japan. There were very fruitful years; there are 6 churches (2 in Hiroshima Prefecture, 4 in Tokyo) which were started under our ministry. All are ably led by pastors, all Japanese except missionary Bob Boatwright, who leads Senkawa. We thank God for His blessings and the satisfying experiences during these many years in Japan. It is, however, the challenge of the present opportunity and need that we feel we can meet that leads us to retire from the sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board, and begin a work with this great Olivet Church. This was our first Southern Baptist Church in Honolulu, and is the mother

## Mississippi To Be Site Of Two National Hospital Conferences

Mississippi will be the site of back-to-back meetings of two national conferences of the American Hospital Association in April.

James L. Townsend, president of the Mississippi Hospital Association, said this was "singular recognition of Mississippi by this national organization." Townsend is administrator of Bolivar County Hospital, Cleveland.

The A. H. A. will conduct an Institute on Disaster Preparedness April 3-5 at the Broadwater Beach Hotel in Biloxi and follow this with an Institute on Hospital Security, April 6-7.

The Mississippi Hospital Association and the Southeastern Hospital Conference are co-sponsors, with the A.H.A., of both the institutes.

Hospital personnel and hospital trustees, especially those directly concerned with the topics on the agenda, are expected to participate in one or both of the upcoming institutes, said Townsend.

The instructional staff for the Institute on Disaster Preparedness will include, among many others, Michael C. Wilkinson, assistant administrator, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.



Rev. Byron Malone, his wife, Barbara, and children, Cindy and Byron, Jr.

## Daniel Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Byron Malone has accepted the pastorate of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson and will begin his ministry there on April 2.

Mr. Malone was born at Hamilton, Miss., and attended schools in Lowndes County. He began his college education at Miss. State, but upon entering the ministry transferred to Mississippi College, and received his B. A. in English in 1950. He then attended New Orleans Seminary where he received a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1962, and a Master of Religious Education Degree in 1963.

He has served in three half-time churches around the state and his first fulltime church was Harmony, Quitman, from 1959-1962. Mr. Malone then became pastor of Causeville Church and served there for four years. From 1966 until the present, he has been pastor of First Church, Lumberton.

He married Barbara Jean Younger, from Steens, who received her formal education at Meridian Jr. College, University of Southern Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary. The Malones have two children, Cindy, born in 1959, and Bryon Lee, born in 1963.

**IBADAN, NIGERIA** — The Nigerian Baptist Convention has appointed two couples as missionaries to Sierra Leone; they will join another couple already working there. The new missionaries are the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Udoh and the Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Odeh. Both men were educated in Baptist schools, have held pastorates and have been chaplains in Baptist high schools. Their wives have taught in Baptist schools.

church of nine others. Mrs. Dan Kong, pastor's wife, is the former Mary Eleanor Braddock of Ripley, Mississippi. She is one of the finest representatives of Christ, of Blue Mountain College, of Mississippi to be found anywhere.

The Askews have three children: Melinda is a junior at Baylor, taking a semester on board World Campus Afloat, going around the world studying. Kenny will graduate from high school in Memphis this year. Jerry last year married Karmen Heflin and is assistant administrator of the Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen, Colorado.



## Establishes Scholarship At MC

Mrs. Oscar Myers (left) of Forest, presents a \$2,000 check to Dr. Charles Martin (center), vice-president for academic affairs at Mississippi College, establishing an endowed art scholarship in honor of her daughter, Miss Joan Myers Bayer. Mrs. Bayer, Miss Mississippi in 1968 and first alternate to Miss America, graduated with a major in art from Mississippi College. Her picture hangs in the background. Looking on with approval is Dr. Sam Gore, chairman of the college's art department. Mrs. Bayer is married to Dr. David Bayer, professor of structural engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)



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## EDITORIAL

### "...Alive For Evermore..." Rev. 1:18

The greatest fact of history is that Jesus Christ is alive!  
The greatest fact of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ is alive!  
Without the bodily resurrection of Christ, there would be no Christian hope.  
If Christ did not rise from the grave, then He was not what He claimed to be... the Son of God.  
If the grave was not empty, and empty because Christ had risen from the dead, then all of his talk about hav-

ing existed with the Father before the world was, was mere lies.  
If the testimony of the risen Christ was not true, then the death of Christ on the cross was that of a martyr and nothing more. There is no salvation for lost man through that death.  
If Christ was still in the grave, then the church is a mere social club, and its message of hope is mockery.  
If Christ did not conquer death then He is not in heaven preparing a place for us, He is not making intercession

for us, He does not live within us, and He will not come again.  
Nothing in all the world is more absurd than Christianity, if Christ is not alive.  
**BUT CHRIST IS ALIVE! HE IS ALIVE FOREVER MORE!**  
The fact of Christ being raised from the dead, is the best proved fact of history.  
Scoffers may deny this, but they simply are refusing to look at the evidence.  
I believe that it was the great English jurist, Simon Greenleaf, who said, "I know evidence, and there is clear evidence that Jesus Christ rose from the grave."  
Christ is alive!  
This is proof that He is the Son of God. "Declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:4)  
His death on the cross provides redemption for men.  
All of His claims and promises are true.  
He did ascend and return to glory.  
He does live within the hearts of the redeemed.  
He is making intercession for us.  
He is preparing a place for us.  
He is coming again as He promised.  
He is the Hope of the World.

While the world thinks of the resurrection especially at Easter, actually every Lord's day morning comes to declare to us that He is the living Christ.  
Since, however, the world is thinking about it, let us join with them on this Easter morning and shout the glad words "Christ the Lord is living today Hallelujah!"

## No Immorality?

Dr. Krister Stendahl, dean of Harvard Divinity School, is reported to have stated in a recent lecture at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota:

"...the whole long and glorious Christian tradition of speaking about the immortality of the soul is coming to an end."

We wonder where he got this concept.

Certainly he did not get it from the Bible! Nothing is more clearly taught in the word of God than immortality.

Listen to Jesus: "He that believeth in me shall never die." "Because I live, ye shall live also." "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Listen to Paul: "Absent from the

body and present with the Lord." "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life."

We could quote on, and on, not only from Jesus and Paul, but from many other writers in the Bible.

This man says that Jesus and Paul were mistaken. He says there is no 'immortality.' And he is the dean of the Divinity School of Harvard. Is it any wonder that some young men come out of such institutions not believing the Word of God?

Our faith has not been disturbed, nor will that of most other Christians be bothered. We'll take Jesus and Paul rather than this professor. And we'll take the whole Word of God. We believe it is God's revelation; evidently this theologian does not.

We cannot but wonder why he even remains in the area of professed Christendom, if he does not accept the words of our Lord, or of the Bible.

## This Legislation Should Be Killed

Last week the Mississippi House of Representatives passed a bill (House Bill No. 504) which would do away with most of the Sunday closing or so-called "Blue laws" of the state. The bill passed by the narrow margin 58-55, and was held over on a motion to reconsider, so that it eventually will come up for another vote. It is to be hoped that in the reconsideration the members of the legislature will see the dangers in this bill and will defeat it. It is possible that this may have happened by the time you read this editorial. If it should be passed again, then we hope that when it comes to the Senate the bill will be soundly defeated, or that if it should be passed by both houses, that it will be vetoed by the Governor.

Arguments were made that the present laws are confusing and contradictory. This may be true, but, if so, the

legislature should correct them, and not repeal them.

Arguments also were made that this repeal allows each county to set up its own controls. We are all too familiar with the confusion which results when counties become involved in trying to set up their programs in such matters.

A recent decision of the United States Supreme Court makes it imperative that these laws not be repealed. That court determined that a person could not refuse to work on Sunday for religious reasons. This means that church members who desire to attend church on Sundays, may be required, in order to hold their jobs, to work on Sunday. Do Mississippians want such a situation here? We believe not.

If these laws are repealed, we can expect Mississippi cities to see conditions developing such as those in many larger cities of the nation where Sunday has become one of the biggest shopping days. Do Mississippians want

that? We believe that most of them do not.

What will happen if general Sunday opening is allowed. One shopping center could decide to remain open, and soon all would be open. Competition would demand it. The department store would decide to remain open, and others would have to follow suit.

Some national chains could order their stores to remain open, and locally owned stores would have to follow suit.

It is not just churches which would be affected, but people. Homes would be disturbed. While the 40 hour week, or similar practices might give every person a day or two of rest, it no longer would be the same day.

And after all, Sunday is the Lord's Day. Why should we in our secularization of modern life, make it just another day?

We do not believe that Mississippians want such legislation.

## NEWEST BOOKS

**FORTY DAYS AT THE CROSS** by Arthur Blessitt (Broadman, 96 pp., paper) This book was written while Arthur Blessitt and his wife, Sherry, were fasting after a prayer rally at the Washington Monument in 1970, after the trip across the U.S. with a 10-foot cross. It was written as Blessitt's daily devotion and thought each day during the forty days spent beside the cross in the center of the nation's capital. He says, "This book, more than anything I have ever done, reveals my deep inward thoughts, cries, hurts, joys, and relationships with God and man."

**LIFE'S GREATEST TRIP** by Arthur Blessitt (Word Books, 32 pp., \$2.95) From his fantastically varied experiences, Arthur Blessitt has gleaned the stories that make up this book. They tell of encounters with motorcycle gangs, drug addicts and pushers, topless dancers, prostitutes, crime syndicate members, and frustrated youth. Moving and often spiked with humor, they are living illustrations of the tremendous impact and change Christ can make in a life. Interspersed with anecdotes and essays are also poems by Mississippi's "Hippie Minister of Sunset Strip."

**HOW TO BUILD A BUS MINISTRY** by James E. Coggins and Bernard M. Spooner (Broadman, paper, 32 pp.) Here is detailed, practical help for expanding your church's outreach. The book, YOU CAN REACH PEOPLE NOW, told of the terrific success of the has ministry at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth. Some material has been taken out of that book and rearranged to be reprinted separately in this brief booklet, in the hope that it will be helpful to many pastors and individuals contemplating a bus ministry as an aid to effective evangelism.

**UNTIL YOU BLESS ME** by David Redding (William B. Eerdmans, paper, 96 pp., \$1.50) As Mr. Redding says, prayer grows out of day-to-day living, finds its words in our needs, our hopes, our joys, our sorrows. Prayer need not be banal, shopworn, cliché-ridden. In this book are sixty prayers, rich with imagery drawn both from the Bible and from everyday life, expressed in the language of poetry.

**A COMMENTARY ON THE REVELATION OF JOHN** by George Eldon Ladd, (Eerdmans, 306 pp., \$6.95) The author is professor of New Testament Theology and

Exegesis at Fuller Theological Seminary. In the introduction he says that he concludes "that the correct method of interpreting the Revelation is a blending of the Preterist, and the Futurist methods." The Preterist view is that the message was written especially for early Christians to give them assurance of deliverance and victory. The Futurist interpretation views Revelation largely as a prophecy of future events depicted in symbolic terms which lead up to and accompany the end of the world." Dr. Ladd adds "The Beast is both Rome and the eschatological Antichrist-and, we might add, any demonic power which the church must face in her entire history. The great tribulation is primarily an eschatological event, but it includes all tribulation which the church may experience at the hands of the world, whether by first-century Rome or by later evils powers." The book is scholarly yet understandable by the untrained reader. As one follows the comments he finds that the author carries out his stated purpose. The book is a book of comfort for those of the day in which it was written but it does present a view of the future. The author deals with each verse and section very thoroughly, faces problems without hesitation, and reveals his broad scholarship, balanced with his effort to make his message clear to every reader. This is a valuable edition to the numerous commentaries.

**ELLICOTT'S BIBLE COMMENTARY** in One Volume (Zondervan, 1242 pp., \$8.95) Charles John Ellicott was an eminent English divine and his original commentary on the Bible was published in eight large volumes almost a century ago. Now a modern scholar has taken the original work and edited it carefully so as to retain all of the original intentions of the work while compressing the ideas into a one volume form. Every paragraph in the Bible is discussed, phrase by phrase. This is not a critical commentary in that problems of authorship, date, etc. are not discussed. Rather the author simply tries to take each verse of the Bible and open windows to the readers so that he can understand what it is saying. Dr. W. A. Criswell says that this is one of the greatest commentaries of all times and that he uses it constantly in his study. The book should be helpful to pastors, teachers, and other Bible students who are seeking to understand the meaning of the Bible text.

**WORLDLY GOODS** by James Gollin (Random House, 531 pp.) The subtitle is "The Wealth and Power of the American Catholic Church, the Vatican, and the Men who Control the Money." What is the truth about Roman Catholic finance? The author spent five years in research and travel seeking to find the answers. In this book, he presents what he found in a factual, thorough and highly engrossing manner deflating false rumors. This should become a valuable handbook, not only on Roman Catholicism but also on Church finance.

**THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH** by Findley B. Edge (Word, 195 pp., \$4.95) Picking his subject from a recent popular book on the "Greening of America" this widely known professor at Louisville Seminary writes concerning the need for renewal in the church. He says that there is a need for renewal; that the church can be renewed; and that the church must be renewed if it is to fulfill God's mission. Almost one-half of the book is given to practical proposals on how to bring about renewal. Special emphasis is given to the enlistment of individual members in spiritual development and growth.

**SURVIVAL ON THE CAMPUS** by William Proctor (Revell, 157 pp., \$3.95) The author deals with problems which will be faced on a modern college campus. The first chapter deals with "How to weather the first shock of college," even though that is not the title of the chapter. Other chapters in their content, although not their subject, deal with getting along with other Christian viewpoints, intellectual confrontations, difficult social situations, other religious and philosophical positions, and finally how to apply faith through social and political action. The book is written out of actual experiences on a university campus and is filled with illustrations concerning individuals. Should be very valuable for young people.

**NO DARK VALLEY** by Gordon H. Fraser (Good News, paper, 96 pp.) A collection of stories about American Indians and missions to Indian tribes, by a former missionary to Indians. The dedication page gives an explanation of the title: "Indians fear the dark, and the valley of the shadow is dark indeed without the companionship of the Shepherd. Missionaries and native believers joined a generation ago to translate the Christian hymns into the Navajo language.



## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### N. O. Seminary Can Help Churches Find Pastors

Dear Dr. Odle:  
Since coming to Mississippi almost two years ago I have been amazed at the number of churches without pastors and some of them for long periods of time. I sincerely believe this is true because they have not sought help from the right sources.

Dr. Odle, may I suggest that churches large and small can find some valuable help in obtaining a pastor from the New Orleans Seminary.

There are men on campus who have pastored for years before coming to seminary and who would serve many churches well, not to mention student pastors if they were given a chance.

How about it Pulpit Committee, have you prayerfully considered a seminary student or one who is about to graduate? May I urge you to do so.

Frank Lescallette  
Pastor  
Vanceville Baptist Church

### EDUCATION...what's happening

#### Expensive Bargain

As more and more parents, students, and state legislators are discovering, the cost of a college education is rising to painful heights. But what are some of the alternatives? According to Alan Pifer, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, who undeniably has a professional interest in promoting higher education, it costs an average of \$4,000 to keep a student in college for a year, but it would cost \$7,500 to keep that same youth in military service, \$7,800 in VISTA and \$10,000 in the Peace Corps. Spending public money on colleges, Pifer concludes, is not "the extravagant many people believe it to be, but a national bargain."—TIME, February 28, 1972.

Women's lib has brought another breakthrough — day-care centers on campus for mothers who go to college. Several New York institutions now offer baby-sitting services run by students or adult volunteers. Fees are low. At one center student-parents contribute \$10 a month and at least three hours of work each week. Children get meals and snacks, are told stories and receive learning help from student aides.

One good thing about stupidity is that you can be fairly sure it's genuine.

Scarcely a service in Navajoland is completed without their favorite hymn being sung—'There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes to gather His loved ones home.'

**WAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL** by Charles T. Smith \$1.95, Gospel Light Publications, 127 pp., Paper). A handbook for Sunday school leaders and teachers of children, grades 1 to 6. The methods presented take a fresh approach to communicating God's Word to children. Educational purposes and plans are outline in detail.

**DID I SAY THAT?** by Leslie B. Flynn (Key Publishers, Wheaton, Ill., paperback reprint, \$1.25, 122 pp.) With humor and drama, the author both entertains and instructs the reader, on the subject of the tongue and its potentialities for both good and evil.

**SAYINGS OF MAO AND OF JESUS** by Dick Hillis, editor (Gospel Light Publications, paper, 127 pp., \$1.25) The sayings of two revolutionaries placed side by side stand together in sharp contrast, revealing the ultimate goals and sources of authority of each.

**A PSYCHOLOGIST LOOKS AT LIFE** by Gary Collins (Key Publishers, \$1.95, 166 pp., paper) In the language of the lay person, a psychologist explains fears and cares stemming from anxiety, guilt, loneliness, and other problems.

## A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Shortly before an Eastertime fifteen years ago, our oldest child, then three-and-a-half, lost a friend by very sudden and unexpected brain hemorrhage. "Miss Doris" not only was the mother of one of Bobby's playmates, she also worked in his nursery at the church.

Bobby felt this double loss quite keenly and continued to ask questions like "Where is she now?" You know the kind of questions I'm talking about — you've tried to answer them yourself. Finally, I thought to take advantage of the Easter season and came up with what I thought was the explanation of the century from a mother to a son: I showed Bobby in simple words that because Jesus came back alive at Easter, "Miss Doris" would come back alive, too.

The child's entire countenance and demeanor changed. Because not one more question came that day or the next, I thought, "You're great, Wilda. Whoever said answering serious questions for children is difficult?"

The week passed with no more questions. Bobby's mind seemed at perfect peace. About five o'clock on Easter morning I found out why. Bobby stood by my side of the bed reaching up, poking and shaking me, and saying, "Mommy, wake up. Hurry and wake up. This is the day 'Miss Doris' comes back alive."

It was my turn to poke and shake. "James! Wake up and talk to Bobby!"

Keep in mind that Bobby was three-and-a-half, and you'll know that probably no counseling session James ever had was more difficult than the one he faced in that early Easter morning hour.

While my explanation did not contain the right timetable, it did hold the real truth of Easter — Jesus lives.

As glorious as the fact that Jesus lives again is, it is twice glorious that I will live again, too!

## Census Report: U. S. Soon Will Report 'Zero Population Growth'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The new Census Bureau study shows that the nation is fast approaching "zero population growth" among women 18-24 years old.

Between 1967 and 1971, the average number of children expected by wives, 18 to 24 dropped from 2.9 to 2.4 — the sharpest drop since 1965 when birth expectation statistics were first published. The fertility rate for all women in this age group, married and single, is estimated at 2.2 children.

This figure is short of zero population growth — the rate needed simply to replace deaths is 2.1 children — but the drop in birth rate is considered striking by the Census Bureau.

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THE TWELFTH ANNUAL religious touring drama of William Carey College's Serampore Players is being presented throughout the Southern states. "The Figure on the Cross" by R. H. Ward is under the direction of Obra Quave, professor of speech and theater at Carey, and features the above posed students: rear, from right: John Gibeau, Van Payne, and Bill Stevens. Seated: Penny Gianelloni, Kathy Hatchell, Brenda Draughn, and (in front) Jo Laurin McDonald. Stage Manager is Kathy Hatchell.

# SCRAPBOOK

## Easter Tidings

Lonely was the night and measured was the tread,  
Of weary Romans keeping pace in vigil o'er the dead.  
With sealed stone in place, proud and sure, they kept their pace.  
First watch, second watch, third watch, they felt the night's embrace.

But unknown to man the angels hovered close,  
Unseen, unheard, the silent sentries of the Host,  
Watching and waiting while fast drew the hour,  
For God to show His power, and earth give up her flower.

And with the arrival of God's appointed time,  
The earth shook and the angel rolled away the stone,  
The sign of temporal rule and seal of Rome's decree,  
While the keepers quaked and became as men who ceased to be.

But oh, what sorrow to repair in hearts so bowed with care;  
What boundless joy restore with dawning day so fair!  
For straightway the angel in dazzling white arrayed,  
Sublimely spoke to drooping spirits so dismayed.

And this discovery of the anxious women of old  
Is still the glad tidings that Easter unfolds;  
For hearts once burdened are now full and free,  
And the tomb is still empty but not you and me!

—Walter C. Ballard

## His Plan Of Salvation

He carried a burden upon Calvary,  
It was a cruel cross that He bore for me.  
Judas, a follower betrayed Him a kiss,  
Soldiers arrested Him, after this,  
Spitting upon Him and mocking His name;  
Calling Him "King" was only a game.

A crown of thorns pierced His heavenly head,  
Blood dripping down o'er His brow was shed,  
His almost faint breath the lumbering load,  
Offering help came a Cyrenian bold,  
Up the Calvary hill He carried the cross,  
The Cyrenian knew 'twas all the world's loss.

Soldiers drove nails in His miracle hands  
And beautiful feet that walked through the lands,  
Helping and loving and healing the sick,  
Healing the crippled who walked with a stick,  
Cleansing the leper's white withered skin,  
Saving the one at the well from her sin.

The cross plunged down in the unyielding earth  
Caused humans to curse the day of their birth,  
But Jesus no angry words would utter.  
Vinegar they gave Him, but not any water.  
A crowd there grew nigh the foot of the tree.  
The "KING OF THE JEWS" they wanted to see.

Soldiers cast lots for the robe that He wore,  
Dividing His raiment they gambled and swore.  
The thief on the left, foul words he uttered,  
The thief on the right, barely had muttered:  
"This day in Your Kingdom remember me."  
"This day," Christ said, "You'll with me be."

'Twas the ninth hour, the veil now was rent,  
The sun was darkened, had made its descent.  
From high on the cross with loud voice He cried,  
"Father my spirit will with Thee abide."  
And with that shout of agonizing pain,  
He gave up the ghost—He was truly slain.

Yes, they killed "The King of the Jews" 'tis so,  
Three days He remained in the tomb we know,  
And on the third day, to heaven He rose,  
Found in the tomb were only His clothes.  
'Twas thought the disciples stole Him away  
Except He was seen on that very same day.

Jesus loves you. He died for you too,  
And if you believe that He did this for you,  
And ask Him to enter into your heart,  
He will come in and never depart.  
He lives in my heart, I know it today,  
'Tis His plan of salvation, there's no other way.  
—Elva Hannahan

## Serampore Players On Tour

The Serampore Players of William Carey College are on tour this week (March 25 - April 5) with their twelfth annual touring drama. The play this year is "The Figure on the Cross" by R. H. Ward.

The group began touring in 1961. Since that time the tour has grown to the point that the players travel as much as 10,000 miles in a single year. Performances have been given from Texas to south Florida to upstate New York.

The tour is divided into the Easter and summer segments. The Easter itinerary includes First Baptist Church, Union Springs, Alabama; First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia; Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina; First Baptist Church, Rockmart, Georgia; Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia; First Baptist Church, Union, South Carolina; First Baptist Church, Alabamie, North Carolina; and First Baptist Church, Canton, North Carolina. The performances in Canton, North Carolina, and Rockmart, Georgia, are sponsored by all the churches of those cities.

After Easter, the production will be seen at Covenant Presbyterian Church

in Jackson, on April 16; and at First Baptist Church, Mobile, on April 23.

During the summer tour in June, approximately fifteen performances are planned.

## Rev. Louie Farmer's Mother Dies In Texas

Funeral services were held at Weatherford Funeral Chapel in Weatherford, Texas Sunday, March 12., for Mrs. Louie H. Farmer, Sr. She was 83. Burial was in East Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas.

Mrs. Farmer was a native of Fort Worth and a member of Connell Baptist Church.

Rev. Jay C. Farrar and Rev. Ira A. Bently officiated at the services.

Mrs. Farmer leaves one son, Rev. Louie Farmer, Baptist Student Union Director at U.S.M.; two daughters, Miss Mary Farmer of Fort Worth and Mrs. Robert L. McWhorter of Eldorado, Texas; and one brother, Willard B. Ferguson of Arlington, Texas.

Memorial expressions may be mailed to the Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi.

## At Dawn One Day

At dawn one day a prisoner stood  
Midst throngs of sinful men;  
They bound Him there as demons would  
A mighty King so free from sin.  
Behold him now in Pilate's hall  
As jeering mobs made mock of him!  
Foul condemnation's power fall  
As Judas fled from sight of them!

Old Pilate was too gripped with fear  
As he gazed into the Saviour's face;  
But the yelling mob was all he could hear  
So his guilt with water he tried to erase  
A scarlet robe, a crown of thorns  
They placed upon the holy one,  
Knowing not this lovely, kindly form  
Was heaven's gift, the Son of God!

Their captive now, He was led away  
In dark disgrace and shame;  
Up Calvary's mount he trod that day  
Where through his death, salvation came  
Why all this agony and pain?  
Why all that stream of blood?  
That you and I might live again  
Cleansed in Calvary's crimson flood!

See him today no longer bound  
By cords of sin and death!  
Hear his mighty praises sound  
From saints of God in jubilant breath  
He rules, he reigns upon a throne  
Even at God's right hand;  
Wonderful, counsellor, conquering one  
Over all creation, sea and land!  
—Edith Buckley Murray  
(Based on Matthew 27)

## Calvary And Easter

With shudder of despair and loss  
The world's deep heart is wrung  
As lifted high upon His cross,  
The Lord of glory hung—  
When rocks were rent and ghostly forms  
Stole forth in street and mart  
But Calvary and Easter Day  
Earth's blackest day and whitest day  
Were just three days apart.  
—Author Unknown

## Weeds

Now 'tis the spring, and weeds are shallow-  
rooted;  
Suffer them now and they'll o'ergrow the  
garden.  
—William Shakespeare,  
King Henry VI

## FLOWER IN THE CRANNIED WALL

"Little flower—but if I  
could understand  
what you are, root and all,  
and all in all,  
I should know  
what God and man is."

—Tennyson

## He Is Risen

Now upon the first day of the week, very  
early in the morning, they came unto the  
sepulchre, bringing the spices which they  
had prepared, and they found the stone rolled  
away from the sepulchre. They entered in and  
found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Be-  
hold, two men stood by them in shining  
garments: And said unto them, "Why seek ye  
the living among the dead? He is not here,  
but is risen." (Luke 24:1-6)

## Spring Cleaning

O March wind, blow with all your might!  
Set disordered things aright.  
Rattle every dry leaf down;  
Chase the cold all out of town;  
Sweep the streets quite free of dust;  
Blow it off with many a gust.  
Make the earth all clean again,  
And ready for the April rain.  
—Thomas Tapper (1903)

## The Risen Lily

Beneath the cover of the sod . . . The lily  
heard the call of God . . . Within its bulb so  
strangely sweet . . . Answering pulse began  
to beat . . . The earth lay darkly damp and  
cold . . . And held the smell of grave and  
mold . . . But never did the lily say . . .  
"Oh, who shall roll the stone away?"  
It heard the call, the call of God . . . And up  
through prison-house of sod . . . It came from  
burial-place of gloom . . . To find its perfect  
life in bloom.  
—Author Unknown



## Revival Dates

**Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian:** April 2-9; evening services at 7:00, and morning services (which begin Tuesday) at 9:30; evangelist: Rev. Bob Griffin, pastor, of Buras-Triumph Church, Buras, Louisiana; song leader: Rev. Arlis Nichols, minister of music of Calvary Church, Meridian; Rev. Bennie H. Boone, pastor.

**Laurel Hill, Philadelphia:** March 29-April 2; at 7 p. m.; Rev. E. C. Tucker, pastor, evangelist.



**Escatawpa Church, Escatawpa (Jackson County):** April 3-9; services Monday - Friday at 7:15 p. m. and Tuesday - Friday at 10:30 a. m.; Rev. Neal Prock, left, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, evangelist (last year Mr. Prock led in 34 revivals resulting in 3,000 decisions); Jim Carraway, right, the "singing engineer" from Shreveport, La., guest musician; Rev. Ralph H. Young, pastor; Don Cawthon, church minister of music.

**Shilo Church, Hi-Way 72 W. Corinth:**

April 2-9; the new pastor, Rev. E. P. Baldwin, pictured, evangelist. Martha Meeks, music director; services at 7 p. m. Saturday night, youth night.

**First Church, Coffeeville:** April 2-7;

Rev. Dan Springfield, West Point, pictured, evangelist; Louis Criswell, minister of music and youth, First Church, Water Valley, singer; Rev. Donnie L. Stewart, pastor.

**Verona Church:** March 27-April 2; Buddy Mathis pictured, evangelist; services at 7:30; Mike Rogers, music director; Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor.

**First, Bude:** youth revival; April 7, 8, 9; Rev. Tom Wilks, associate pastoral intern at First Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, evangelist; Major McDaniels, minister of music at First, Natchez, singer; Gloria Scott, pianist; Virginia Jones, organist; Rev. Ralph H. Scott, pastor; services at 7:30 p. m., Saturday at 9:30 a. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m.; Saturday, visitation at 2 p. m.

**New Zion (Choctaw):** youth revival; March 26 - April 1; at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Ricky McKay, Bethlehem Church, Ackerman, and Rev. Bill Robertson, Turkey Bluff Church, Winnsboro, La., speakers; Miss Rachel Jenkins, of Chester, song leader.

**Eastview (Jones):** March 26-April 2; Rev. Thomas Balch, interim pastor, evangelist; Scotty Shows, music director; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. during week; regular hours on Sunday.

**Petal-Harvey Church, Petal:** April 2-7; regular services on Sunday; services during week at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Ron Herrod, pastor of Fairfield Highland Church, Birmingham, Alabama, evangelist; James Blakeney, minister of music of First Church, Millry, Alabama, singer; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

**McCool Attala:** youth-led revival; March 31-April 2; Rev. Marion "Bubba" Dees, freshman at Clarke College, preaching; Jimmy Langley, minister of music at McCool, leading the singing; Rev. Howard Scarborough, pastor; services 7 p. m. Friday and Saturday; 11 and 7 Sunday.

**Galilee First, Gloster:** April 7-9; youth revival; Butch Hood, evangelist; Darrell Boggs, song leader (both from Mississippi College); Rita Ashley, Gloster, pianist; Rev. J. Millard Purl, pastor; Fri. and Sat. services at 7 p. m.; Sunday services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

**NORTH COLUMBIA (Marion County):** youth revival; March 29-April 2; at 7 p. m.; Rev. James Messer, pastor, Cloverdale, Natchez, evangelist; Larry Fortenberry, youth and choir director of North Columbia Church, singer, special singing each night by



From Mississippi

## Missionary Homemaker In Uganda Teaches "All Children Of The World"

Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, Southern Baptist missionary, is a homemaker and language student in Fort Portal, Uganda. She and her husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Soon after Mrs. Simon arrived in Uganda as a new missionary she began holding Sunday School in her home for children in the neighborhood, some of whom had never heard of Jesus. During the past months her enrollment has included children from England, India, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Switzerland and the U. S. The majority of the parents, who are in Uganda under government contract for two to five years, are non-Christian, Mrs. Simon says. The Simon children (above) are Greg (shirt No. 11) and Barry (wearing glasses).

Mrs. Simon is the former Carol Martin of Meridian, Miss. She was graduated from Clarke College and from Blue Mountain College. She also has attended New Orleans Seminary.

In 1964 she was a summer missionary in East African for the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi. "As I saw missions firsthand I prayed that someday God would let me return to this land," she said when appointed to Uganda.

She also worked for the Home Mission Board as a student missionary in Georgia for one summer and in New Mexico for another.

Before going overseas Mrs. Simon began a kindergarten in Calvary Church, Hattiesburg, and directed it for a year. Her husband was pastor of the church. He is a native of Winnsboro, La., and graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon have two sons. Gregory was born in 1966, and Barry in 1969.

the youth choir or special guest; fellowship times being planned.

**Midway, Pontotoc:** April 2 at 7 p. m.; April 3-7 at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Tommy Vinson, evangelist; Mrs. Madelyn Mathews, music director; Rev. Jerry W. Stevens, pastor; newly acquired bus running routes.

**Sandersville (Jones):** April 3-9; services Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a. m. evening services 7:30; Rev. W. C. "Buddy" Burns, pastor of First, Ellisville, evangelist; Wayne Meeks, minister of music, Wildwood, Laurel, music director; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

## Kay Elected President Of Western RE Group

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—Richard Kay, director of the Church Services Division of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected president of the Western Religious Education Association meeting for its 20th annual session here.

Kay succeeds Wayne C. Reynolds, minister of education and music for First Southern Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif.

## 'Solid Rock Festival' Is Ready For Gulf Coast

(Continued From Page 1)

Singers" from Kiln, "The Solid Rock" from Columbia, Bob Clark, the "Everyday People" from Pica-yune, "Praise the Lord" from Fayette, "The Fishermen" from Mississippi State University, Whitlock and Crocker from Clarke College, "The Pound of Pop" from Jackson, the "Yokefellow" from Long Beach, "The God Squad" and "Ichthus" from Bay St. Louis, "Witness" from Clarke College, the Youth Choir of Long Beach First Baptist, Gina Blackwell (a 4-year-old singer from Gulfport), Chris McClamroch Ahern, "The New Christian Sounds," the Bayou View Junior High Glee Club from Gulfport, and others.

Definite personal witnessing is being coordinated by Rev. Charles Brock, pastor of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport. There were some 45 recorded decisions for Christ as a result of the Festival last year, plus many others which were unnoted. If you can't come, pray!

A new feature this year is the "Solid Rock Coffee House" which began Wednesday night, March 29, and goes through Friday night until midnight.

Its location is the new Kenny Pitts Memorial Youth Building at the Handsboro Baptist Church on Pass Road in east Gulfport. Programs there begin at 8:30 p. m. on Wednesday and Thursday and at 9:30 on this Friday night. Local churches have been enlisted to provide free snacks.

## April BH Topics

Continuing with his theme "Rocks of the Ages," a review of the basic truths of the Bible, Dr. Herschel Hobbs will relate Christian doctrine to the practicalities of daily life in his April sermons on "The Baptist Hour" radio program.

On April 2, Easter Sunday, the topic will be "The Vanquishing of Death," an explanation of how Christ's dying on the cross put an end to death. "Being and Becoming," the April 9 message, will discuss the Christian's responsibility for spiritual growth after the new birth. In this April 16 sermon, "The Overflowing Life," Hobbs will enumerate the steps to realizing the "live more abundant" promised by Jesus. On April 23 he will cite the major pitfalls to living the Christian life in a message titled "Saved But Dissatisfied." He will conclude the series on April 30 with "The Parentheses of Life," a discussion of Biblical instructions to the Christian on how to live fruitfully despite life's problems.

The Solid Rock Festival and Coffee-house are designed primarily for young people of junior high through college age. It is interdenominational in base, has the support of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association of which Rev. J. W. Brister serves as Director of Missions, and enjoys the full cooperation of Gulfport City officials.

## Missionary In Hard Hat

IRONTON, Ohio — Lamar O'Bryant inspects a building project in Huntington, W. Va., where he works as a construction official. Two years ago Mr. O'Bryant left a prosperous position as superintendent of a major construction company in Atlanta, Ga., and moved in Ironton, Ohio, an industrial town of 16,000 on the Ohio River, to provide a Christian ministry because "people are more important to me than a prosperous job."

Although still in the construction trade, Mr. O'Bryant serves as lay minister at the Ironton (Southern) Baptist Chapel. When he arrived two years ago, the congregation consisted of four members. He, his wife and their two sons doubled its size. Now the church has 31 members and up to 140 persons have been involved in special ministries, with large numbers of young people becoming extremely active.

Mr. O'Bryant works as a Christian Service-Corps volunteer through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The Corps, a completely volunteer program, is designed to involve lay men and women in mission work on either a short or long term basis. After being assigned to a project, the volunteer moves there and ministers while continuing to provide his own living. —(RNS Photo)









# The Church Proclaims The Risen Lord

By Clifton J. Allen  
I Corinthians 15

The church worships the living Lord. It is itself the community of faith in the living Savior. And, in a very real sense, the church is an incarnation of the living Word. It is highly appropriate, therefore, that our Easter lesson should be a consideration of the church's proclamation of the risen Lord. The Bible passage

for study is 1 Corinthians 15, Paul's classic treatment of the resurrection. This great chapter affirms the fact of the resurrection of Christ, on the basis of which Paul further affirms the certainty of the resurrection of all the dead, the certain fact that Christ will ultimately bring all his enemies into subjection, and the certainty that, because Christ is risen from the dead, our labor in the Lord will not be in vain.

## The Lesson Explained Christ Is Risen Verse 3-11

Some of the Corinthian believers either had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead or openly denied it. More definitely, some of them were confused and skeptical about the final resurrection of all the dead. Paul therefore reminded the Corinthians of two cardinal facts: first, Christ died for our sins, second, Christ was raised up from the dead. His death and his resurrection were the fulfillment of Scripture. Paul enumerated six appearances of Christ to followers after the resurrection. The appearance to James, half brother of Jesus, likely brought James to the point of full commitment to the Lord. Of the five hundred, to whom Christ appeared on one occasion,

some were still living and could confirm their own witness to the resurrection. Then Paul adds his own personal testimony: Christ appeared, actually, to the apostle. His zeal in serving Christ had exceeded that of others, but this was made possible by God's special grace. The fact of Christ's resurrection was indisputable. The church was itself an undeniable confirmation of the risen Christ and the power of his gospel and the mighty working of his Spirit.

## Hope In The Resurrection Verses 12-19

Some of the Corinthians had doubts, not about Christ's resurrection, but about the general resurrection of the dead. Granting that Christ was raised from the dead, how could there be doubt about the future resurrection of all the dead? For if there is no future resurrection, then the claim that Christ had been raised could not be true. And this would mean that the preaching of the gospel had been in vain and the faith of the Corinthian believers in vain. Either the fact of the resurrection of Christ confirmed the certainty of the future resurrection or the faith of the Christians was a farce, utterly empty of reality, and they were still lost in their sins. Fellow Christians who had died had utterly perished; there could be no hope of their resurrection. For, if we have hope in Christ only for this life, nothing more, we are pitiable indeed. The hope of the resurrection is not myth but certainty. Our faith is not vain.

## Living Our Faith

Christ in sovereign wisdom and power is at work in the world to overcome all his enemies. He must reign until the consummation of the victory of the kingdom of God. It is through the witness and life of the living church, along with all else that is appropriate in the purpose of God in Christ, that the saving work of Christ will be brought to fullness and completion. How much depends on our living our faith? We can face death without fear, and we can labor in the Lord knowing that all that is done in his name will have enduring worth and will contribute to the victory and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a world of death and moral chaos, Christians are encouraged to be steadfast and to abound in the work of the Lord.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# The Will Of The Risen Lord

Acts 1:1-11

By Bill Duncan

An automobile mechanic has made a recent profession of faith in Christ.

He is a dynamic, growing faith. He is enthusiastic in his desire to witness to others. How would you advise him in this day and time? What is God's will for him? The church has a great responsibility to new converts.

This was the situation that Luke faced when he wrote both the Gospel and the book of Acts. The people who were coming into Christianity from Greek and other backgrounds were enthusiastic for the faith. They needed to know what had happened to the movement after Christ went back to heaven. Both books are about the ministry of Jesus.

It is good for us to study the second volume now. There are many people who want to be witnesses of their faith but they need to follow the will of the Risen Lord in carrying out their desire. We need to know what He would have us do today. Many long-time Christians are not carrying out the instructions given long ago. The former volume had established the fact that we are witnesses. It was

in the present tense. But now upon the authority of the resurrection He commands the apostles to witness. We would love to know all commands that Jesus gave at the time of the ascension. But we do not. It is certain that Jesus instructed the disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit had made his dynamic entrance into the world on the day of Pentecost. This would be the necessary presence of God to make effective the actions and words of the witnesses.

The waiting period would not be wasted. It was a necessary part of the will of the Risen Lord. If they would remain in prayer and abide in fellowship then the church would be victorious.

The Lord established some priorities, at this time for the disciples. They were not to worry so much about the physical kingdom of God. Their main task was the worldwide ministry of witnessing. The task was the most important to Jesus and would be for the effective witnesses.

What is a witness? It seems to me that the apostles were told that they were to be witnesses, not do witnessing. There is a lot of reluctance to do witnessing in our churches today because the Christians know that they have not been good witnesses on the job and in social circles.

How would you advise the mechanic who wanted to witness? Would you advise him to mount religious motives on the walls of his shop? or leave a soul winning tract in the seat of cars he services? or enclose an invitation to church in his monthly statements? He could, but maybe not first. His first goal is to show evidence of Christ's presence making a difference

in his life. He should satisfy customers with a job well done and show honesty in his job. Do you think that once this serviceman has won the confidence and esteem of his customers, he can then begin to win them to faith in Christ? This is the basic principle for all Christians of whatever vocation. If we turn people off from us, we also run the risk of turning them off from our Saviour.

The ascension of Jesus was witnessed by men who later were able to say, "We saw the Lord go back to Heaven." This sight was also strengthened by the angels who spoke to the disciples. They said He would come again in like manner. This confirmed to the listening ear that Jesus was who they thought He was. This was evidence that must be shared. Yet the will of the Risen Lord was more than this. This was great but the good news must include all about Jesus.

Without the presence of God in the Holy Spirit the witness and the church is helpless. The Holy Spirit is able to make our efforts fruitful.

Don't make yourself be a witness—let yourself. A wife was beginning to feel that all her efforts to win her husband to Christ were in vain. She wondered why she was making so little headway. Then she said, "I came to my senses when at last my husband looked at me and shouted, 'I certainly don't want what you have!' Although he was the one she most longed to reach for Christ, at that moment she saw that her religious ways were repulsive to him. He did not say, 'I don't want who you have,' but 'what you have.' We need to be witnesses and be very careful to present the WHO of faith.

## District IX Associational WMU Meetings To Feature Guest Missionary Speaker

Mrs. John Allen Moore, pictured, missionary to Switzerland, will be the missionary speaker at the District IX



Associational W.M.U. Meetings, April 3-7. The dates and places in each association are as follows:  
April 3, 10:30 a.m., Rankin Association, Paul Truitt Church;  
April 4, 10:00 a.m., Copiah Association, Strong Hope Church;  
April 4, 7:00 p.m., Hinds - Madison Association, First Church, Jackson;  
April 6, 9:45 a.m., Yazoo Association, Sartalia Church;  
April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sharkey-Issaquena, Cary Church;  
April 7, 9:30 a.m., Warren Association, First Church, Vicksburg.

All ladies of the churches are urged

## Calvary, Pricedale To Mark 26th Year

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## Devotional

## A Song Of Praise

By Dr. Don H. Stewart

A successful composer is one who can transfer to the music staff that which he feels in his heart. The good musician is one who can interpret those feelings to the people who listen. The ability to reproduce the notes from a music score, even with above average precision, doesn't make one a great musician.

I recall the story of a very talented pianist. He studied under one of the finest teachers in Europe. In spite of his superior ability, the teacher was about to judge him hopeless as a concert pianist because he lacked feeling. He seemed coldly detached from the music, instead of emotionally involved. It was not until he was disappointed in love and vented his feelings at the piano that he learned to catch the spirit of the composition and to translate it into great music.

Can you feel the spirit of the Psalmist? Can you communicate his joy and thanksgiving at the salvation of the Lord? Psalm 95 was written as a challenge for others to join him in praise.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. — Psalm 95:1-3

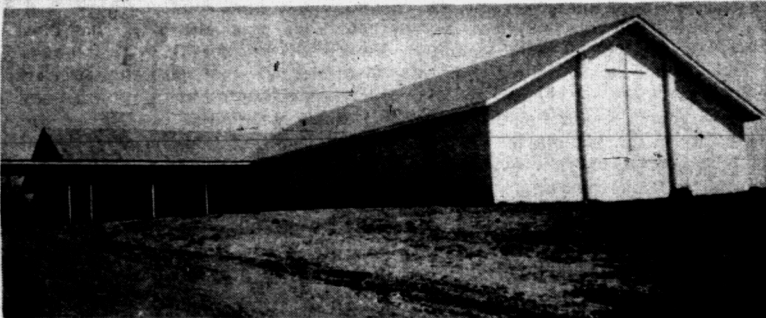
Great feeling often is expressed in quietness and in reflection. Ecclesiastes 5 says that only a fool thinks himself heard because of his much speaking. Serious worshippers are more ready to listen. Best periods in music are quite often the most effective means of communicating the spirit of the composition. The absence of such periods for thoughtful evaluation, makes the music less appealing as a means of communication. Bagpipe music is unappealing because the type of instrument makes it impossible for there to be any rests in the music.

Our praise songs would be more moving, if we would preserve periods of rest within them. The unique song of the woodthrush consists of three notes and a pause. One can almost feel the sound in the silence which follows. If we are able to put the right spirit into our songs of praise, it will be because we pause regularly to meditate upon him who is our salvation. The cardinal seems to sing a song of joyful praise with thanksgiving every day. One of the prettiest and most melodious of all song birds, he is a perennial singer. He doesn't sing seasonally as do some birds. Let us do the same. That is, let us praise God daily, for he is great and is above all gods.



## Easthaven, Brookhaven, Buys Church Bus

The Easthaven Church, Brookhaven has purchased the bus above for a bus ministry and general church use. The first bus route was started about three or four weeks ago and the church has rented another bus and started a second route. Rev. Charles Dampier is the pastor.



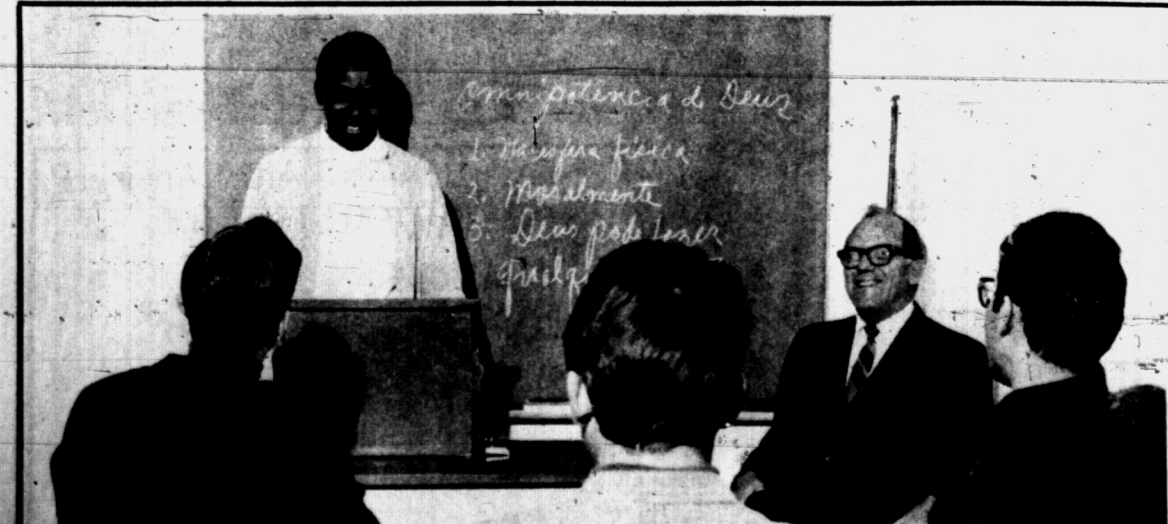
## Parkway, Hernando, Baptists To Attend Easter Sunrise Service In New Building

Parkway Church, Hernando, moved into this new building Sunday, March 12.

Constructed by O. W. Hardin, contractor, on a four-acre site, the building is at 90 North Parkway in Hernando. This is the first of a series of buildings anticipated by the growing congregation. It has central heating and air-conditioning, classrooms for preschoolers, children, youth and adult departments, two offices, kitchen, and a flexible auditorium. The community Easter Sunrise Service will be held in this new building April 2, at 7:30 a. m. The congregation, started by Hernando Church in 1969 as a mission, was constituted as a church in 1971. Mississippi Baptists and the Hernando Baptists are still providing financial assistance to strengthen the witness for Christ through Parkway. Rev. Aaron Lewis is pastor.

## Logue Elected President Of Student Directors

LOS ANGELES (BP)—The heads of student work departments for Baptist state conventions meeting here elected Tom Logue, director of student department for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, as president of the State Baptist Student Directors Association. Logue succeeds Joe Webb, director of the department of student work for the Florida Baptist Convention as president of the organization.



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## Names In The News

After a 2½ year illness Rev. Howard Scarborough has returned to the pastorage by accepting the McCool Church in Attala Association. The church welcomed the pastor and his wife with a grocery shower.

Steven Hicks was licensed to preach the gospel by Lakeview Church, Leland, on March 5. The son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hicks, he is presently a senior at Leland Academy and will be attending Clarke College next year.

Kenneth Culpepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Culpepper of Laurel, presented a concert of sacred music at Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, Sunday, March 26 during the 11 o'clock worship service. He holds a B. S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. His voice training began in high school, and he presently studies with Dr. Clint C. Nichols, of the University of Southern Mississippi faculty. Gifted with an exceptional tenor voice, he is in great demand as soloist and music director in the churches of the area. Rev. Tommy King is interim Pastor of Magnolia Street Church.

Students at LSU observed "Frank Horton Day" recently in honor of the Baptist Student Union director's 20th anniversary in the ministry among college and university students. The surprise celebration was highlighted by the presentation to Horton of a book entitled "Twenty Years of Smiles," which contained letters from more than 100 students and ex-students with whom he has been associated. The students presented Horton a large purple and gold cake with the words "Congratulations, Tiger Extraordinaire" on it. Native of Drew, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary, he directed BSU work at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Mississippi College, Texas Christian University and Mississippi State University before coming to LSU in

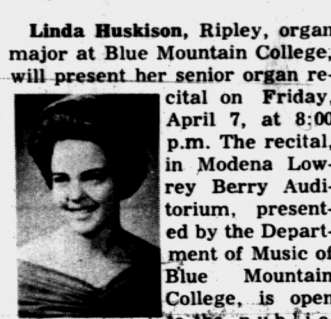
Linda Huskison, Ripley, organ major at Blue Mountain College, will present her senior organ recital on Friday, April 7, at 8:00 p.m. The recital, in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, presented by the Department of Music of Blue Mountain College, is open to the public. Miss Huskison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Huskison, Ripley.

1964. Horton is married to the former Suzanne Carmichael of Columbia, Miss. They have two daughters, Angela and Faith.



W. D. Lofton of Brookhaven and Joe Dale of Prentiss have been named as co-chairmen for the Out-of-State Alumni Section of the Mississippi College COMMITMENT Campaign it has been announced. Mr. Lofton, left, is owner of Lofton's Department Store in Brookhaven, is a graduate of Brookhaven High and Mississippi College. Mr. Dale, right, a partner in the firm of Dale and Wilson, is president of the Mississippi Economic Council, the state Chamber of Commerce.

Therman V. Bryant is serving as interim pastor of the Antioch Church near Columbus. An associate in the Co-operative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mr. Bryant has been under appointment by the Home Mission Board since 1965 and serves as director of inservice guidance in Jackson. He was a college professor, a dean, and assistant to the president at Clarke College previous to his appointment. A native of Longview, Miss., he earned two degrees from the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Bryant is the former Annie Grace McCord. They have two sons.

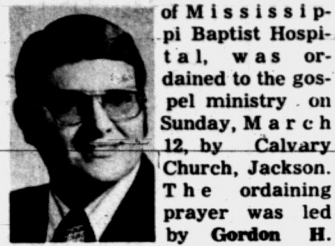


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William Carey College student Bill Breland looks over the score of his original rock opera "Isaiah" with two of the 30 participants, Robert Conn and Lamer McNease (right). Bill, a mathematics major, wrote, produced and directed the religious rock opera as well as performed in it himself. "Isaiah", using contemporary interpretations and questions of the Biblical situation, was presented twice recently on the William Carey College campus and has been highly acclaimed by critics in the area. Bill's mother, Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland, is on the faculty of the Carey School of Music. Mark Wilkinson, a senior drama major, sang the lead role of "Isaiah."

Mark Moffett, senior at Mississippi College and recently appointed assistant to the chaplain



of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, March 12, by Calvary Church, Jackson. The ordaining prayer was led by Gordon H. Shambarger and Don Nerren presented the Bible on behalf of the church. Approximately seventy-five ordained Baptist deacons and ministers participated in the ceremony of laying on hands, including Mark's father, Roy H. Moffett, deacon in the Highland Church, Laurel, and his father-in-law, Joe E. Gauthreaux, deacon in First Church, Biloxi. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church. Mark is married to the former Mary Jo Gauthreaux of Biloxi.

Rev. Jimmy Manning was recently licensed to preach by Bethlehem Church, Laurel. An article in the Baptist Record listed his phone number as 42-2894. However, his correct phone number is 428-1285 in Laurel.



Odie Trest, left, of the Ludlow Church, Scott Association, was awarded the eleven-year-pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Shown with Mr. Trest is the pastor of Ludlow Church, Rev. Ronnie Jones. Mr. Jones moved to the church field in November of 1971. Since that time Sunday School and Training Union attendance has almost doubled along with a considerable increase in tithes and offerings. There have been 17 additions to the church: 13 by letter and four for baptism.

Mrs. Ruth Sheldon Knowles, a lady wildcatter, oil authority, and frequent contributor to Reader's Digest, visited Mississippi College recently to address combined classes in the Department of History. Mrs. Knowles travels throughout the country several years she was a guest lecturer during the American Studies Seminar at Mississippi College.



## North Columbia Begins Education Building

North Columbia Church, Marion County, held a groundbreaking service for an educational building March 19. Pictured above is a part of the congregation who took part in the ceremony. Front row, l to r, Building Committee: Beason White, Cliff Chance, J. D. Pickett, W. E. (Red) Thompson, John B. Stringer, and the pastor, Rev. M. H. Watmon.

The pastor read the scripture, I John 3:22, and the prayer was led by Mrs. Jessie Fortenberry, oldest member of the church, and also a charter member.

The building will be block and brick construction with 2400 sq. ft. of concrete floor space. It will consist of seven Sunday-School rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, and two restrooms. It will be centrally heated and air-conditioned. The building will be connected to the south side of the present building by a covered double driveway.

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## REVIVAL RESULTS

West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo: March 5-12; 36 professions of faith; over 250 decisions; Dr. Gerry Craft, pictured, president and founder of the Gerry Craft leadership and evangelistic organization, with offices in Fort Worth, Birmingham, and Los Angeles, evangelist; Rev. Richard Clement, pastor; On Saturday, the Gerry Craft Association Choral presented "Natural High," under direction of Jerrell Bunn, Crusade Music and Choral director for the Gerry Craft Youth Association. Dr. Craft's approach included daily Leadership Conferences and Deeper Life Conferences led by his staff who worked with various youth age groups. The evangelist, a former college and professional football player, spoke to various student groups in the Tupelo area, as well as at the West Jackson Church.



LAKEVIEW, LELAND (Washington): March 12-17; 8 professions of faith; one by letter; 23 rededications; Rev. Max Parker of Hollandale, evangelist; Rev. Buddy Hampton of Greenville, music; Rev. Clayton C. Bath, pastor.



## Seminary Library Continues To Grow

Dr. T. B. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, listens as Mrs. Garnette Galloway points to a book entitled America Turns to Christ. Mrs. Galloway serves as the librarian for the Central Center, Jackson. Books are continually being catalogued in the growing library. Persons who have books that they would like to donate should contact Dr. Brown or Dick Brogan, Director of Work With National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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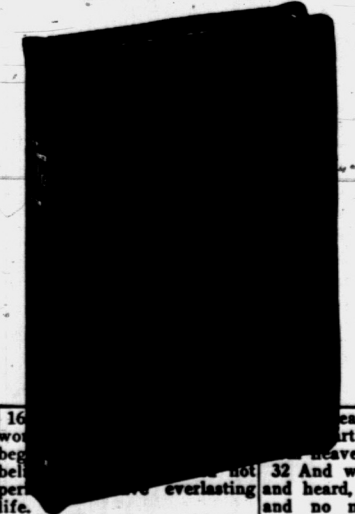
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# Week

Mississippi Baptists will feel the impact of Southern Baptists' World Missions enterprise next week as never before as the SBC Foreign Mission Board holds its first meeting in the state.

A highlight of the board's meeting will be a commissioning service, to be held in Jackson Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday night at 7:15 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

About 16 persons, including a Mississippi couple, will be appointed to overseas posts by the Board at the impressive appointment service.

Among the appointments will be Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long of Mississippi City. He is pastor of First Baptist Church there. The couple and their two young children will go to Belgium where Long will be pastor of an English-language congregation.

The appointment service will be one of the features of the Foreign Mission Board's business meeting which begins Monday evening, April 10, and closes Wednesday afternoon, April 12.

Most business sessions will be held at Jackson's First Baptist Church and the New Mississippi Baptist Convention building at 515 Mississippi St.

This will be the first meeting in Mississippi of the 126-year-old South-

ern Baptist foreign mission agency. Most of the 67 members of the board will attend, traveling to the Mississippi capital from 25 states throughout the nation.

Mississippians serving as members of the board are Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Dr. John L. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb.

Dr. Taylor will participate in the appointment service along with Dr. Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Bates is a native of Mississippi,

having been born near Liberty in Amite County. He is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The new appointees will be assigned to work in eight countries. Prior to departure for overseas, they will go through a special 14-week orientation.

Preceding the appointments Dr. Cauthen will give his report to the board.

## Business Session Set

In a business session the board also is expected to approve 75 young college graduates for two-year terms of service as missionary journeymen. Following a seven-week training period this summer, the journeymen will work with career missionaries in 26 countries.

The board has more than 2,500 missionaries stationed in 75 countries.

The Jackson meeting will be the fourth semiannual (April) meeting of the board outside its Richmond, Va., headquarters in as many years. The agency met and appointed missionaries in Dallas, Tex., Lakeland, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., in April of the past three years.

Board members and administrative staff members, missionary candidates and guests will meet for dinner at First Baptist Church, Jackson, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10.

Various committees of the board will be in session all day Tuesday prior to the appointment service that night.

Business sessions will resume at 9 a. m. Wednesday. Reports will be presented by the directors of the board's three administrative divisions, various department heads, consultants and secretaries of the six world areas in which the mission agency administers its work.

## Special Committees

Reports of special committees and miscellaneous business are slated for the closing session April 12.

Dr. Drew Gunnells, Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., president of the board, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Summit.

At the colorful and impressive commissioning service, all board members and staff, including wives and husbands, and all appointees, will be seated on the platform.

Scripture and prayer will be given by Dr. John L. Taylor, followed by the report of the executive secretary, Dr. Cauthen.

Next the missionary candidates will be presented and then appointed.

Dr. Cauthen will deliver the charge to the new missionaries, followed by presentations of certificates.

Dr. Bates will lead the prayer of dedication, with Joseph B. Flowers of Richmond to pronounce the benediction.



The Foreign Mission Board's headquarters building is in Richmond, Virginia. (Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.)

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## Foreign Mission Board, Begun In 1845, Has Had Eventful History

RICHMOND, VA. The Foreign Mission Board was created in May, 1845, during the organizational meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, Ga. Today the board's headquarters is the nerve center of a foreign mission enterprise which stations more than 2,500 missionaries in 75 countries.

When the board was created, Richmond was designated as its home city, and the headquarters has been located here ever since. In its 126-year history the board has had eight executive secretaries and eight homes.

The first formal meeting of the board was held in the library of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, soon after the local members returned from the convention's organizational meeting. Twenty months later, in January 1847, the board occupied its first

home—in the basement of the old First Baptist Church on East Broad Street. These quarters were provided for the board rent free for 25 years.

In 1846 Dr. James B. Taylor was secured as the board's first corresponding, or executive secretary, at a salary of \$1,200 a year, provided he went afield and secured the funds. He served the board for more than 25 years, which included the trying periods of the Civil War and the beginning of the reconstruction era.

During the war a provisional board was set up in Baltimore, Md., to care for the overseas missionaries, and board sent funds and letters to them more under flags of truce.

While Dr. Henry Allen Tupper was corresponding secretary—from 1872 to 1893—the headquarters offices were moved first to rooms over Ellyson's Store on Main Street, then to a building near Ninth and Franklin Streets, and finally to the Merchants National Bank Building on Main Street.

Mission advance during Dr. Tupper's tenure included the growth of the overseas missionary staff from 19 to 92 and the increase of collections in the homeland from \$29,000 to \$154,000. As a result of the leadership of the first two secretaries the board began work in China, Nigeria, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Mexico.

Dr. Robert Josiah Willingham, who served as secretary from 1893 through 1914, led in widening the missionary frontier to include Argentina, Interior China, and Uruguay. He also visited overseas mission fields and emphasized institutional work, such as schools, colleges, theological seminaries, publishing houses, and hospitals.

Medical mission work in China and Nigeria was established on a basis which prepared the way for subsequent progress. Gifts to missions from the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention more than tripled during Dr. Willingham's tenure.

The fourth secretary was Dr. James Franklin Love, who served from 1915 to 1928. In the period following World War I the demand for an enlarged overseas program grew, and the board assumed responsibility for mission work in seven new fields in Europe and the Near East. Chile and Manchuria were also entered during Dr. Love's secretaryship.

Dr. T. Bronson Ray was secretary from 1929 through 1932. A pioneer in the field of mission study in the homeland, he encouraged the organization of mission study classes and discovered suitable books for study. Five mission study books came from his own pen.

**Maddry Became Secretary**  
When Dr. Charles E. Maddry became secretary in January 1933, the nation was in the midst of a depression and the board was more than \$1,000,000 in debt, with no more borrowing power. During his 12-year administration the debt was paid off.

Dr. Maddry said the board would not have been absolved of this debt so soon had it not been for the "courage, faith, and good business management" of Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond book publisher who became board president in 1932. Dr. Jenkins served as president for 30 years and was a board member a total of 49 years.

Since being located on Main Street the board had occupied one other home, a floor of the Presbyterian (Continued On Page 2)



The seal of the Foreign Mission Board depicts the eastern and western hemispheres, symbolic of world missions. (Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.)



## Will Participate In FMB Meet

Left to right are Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Carl Bates, president, Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor, First Church, McComb. Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Taylor are Mississippi members of the Foreign Mission Board.

## FMB Now Has Over 2500 Missionaries In 75 Nations

RICHMOND, Va. — "The Foreign Mission Board is a channel through which each church in the Southern Baptist Convention conducts Christian work around the world as it is prompted by faith in the gospel of Christ," explains Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board. "This work is in the form of evangelism and church development, education, publications, medical programs, relief, and many other types of ministries."

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., in May 1845, it created the Foreign Mission Board to establish and carry on a foreign mission enterprise which the founders dreamed would be worldwide in its scope. Today, 126 years later, more than 2,500 Southern Baptist missionaries serve in 75 countries and territories.

The Foreign Mission Board is composed of 67 members, elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, plus the convention president as ex officio member. Eighteen of the members are chosen from in or near Richmond, Va., headquarters city since the board's beginning.

The SBC Constitution and Bylaws provide for the election of one member from each cooperating state Baptist convention having a minimum church membership of 25,000. A second member is chosen from each state with 500,000 Southern Baptists, and still another member is elected for each additional 250,000 Southern Baptists per state.

Board members normally serve for a four-year term and may be re-elected for one more term. The current members are from 25 states and the District of Columbia. The group includes 43 ordained ministers, 13 laymen and 11 women; two members are former missionaries.

Except for the convention president, the members were recommended for election by the SBC Committee on Boards, Commissions and

Standing Committees. Vacancies can be filled provisionally, until the next meeting of the convention, by persons elected by the board itself.

Normally the Foreign Mission Board meets 11 times a year on the second Tuesday of the month. Members may attend all meetings at board expense; they are expected to attend at least four meetings a year.

Members who live in the Richmond

area meet at board headquarters during most months of the year for the continuous transaction of business.

Members from throughout the convention territory meet in Richmond in October, at which time the budget is adopted and officers are elected. The full board meets in April in a city other than Richmond. A third meeting of the full board is held alternately in June or August at Ridge-

crest, N. C., or Glorieta, N. M.

Out-of-town members try to attend at least one monthly meeting in Richmond in addition to the three full-board meetings.

Responsibilities of the board include such matters as the budget, organizational structure, appointment of missionaries, policy formation, property decisions and election of members of

the administrative staff. In all matters, the board is responsible to its constituency.

## Board Members Involved

Board members normally are involved at the decision-making level, looking to the administrative staff for information and counsel on matters affecting individual missionaries or (Continued On Page 2)



The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries stationed in 75 nations of the world.



# Mission Board Has Had Eventful History

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building on South Sixth Street. In 1935 the board moved into a building at Sixth and Franklin Streets which it had bought with funds given by the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Bottoms of Arkansas.

Before Dr. Maddy retired in 1944 the board had extended mission work into Hawaii and Colombia. Also, the organizations (missions) of missionaries on the fields had been reorganized, and requirements for missionary appointment had been made more rigid.

The board had also begun publishing The Commission, although there had been various foreign mission journals in the years past.

Succeeding Dr. Maddy was Dr. M. Theron Rankin, who served until his death in June 1953. When he assumed his duties he found that a limited number of mission volunteers and a meager overseas budget had frozen the total missionary staff at about 500.

He conceived the idea for the Advance Program of Southern Baptists, looking toward a goal of 1,750 missionaries. He lived to see 913 missionaries serving in 33 counties and territories.

## New Work Undertaken

During Dr. Rankin's administration

work was undertaken in new areas and expanded in old ones. In Latin America, Southern Baptist missionaries entered four more countries and took over work begun by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in three others.

By the end of 1951 all Southern Baptist missionaries had been forced out of China. The board sought new fields where these experienced missionaries could serve, especially areas where there were large groups of Chinese-speaking people. In this way work was expanded to six more countries of the Orient.

Southern Baptists, who began missionary work in Nigeria in 1850, waited almost a century before advancing into other areas in Africa. In 1947 missionaries were sent to the Gold Coast (now Ghana), where Baptist laymen of Nigeria had migrated and were meeting in unorganized groups.

In 1950 Southern Rhodesia became a Southern Baptist mission field, after a wealthy ranch owner in that area gave the board 1,000 acres of valuable and on which to launch a missionary undertaking. Three areas in Europe and the Near East were also entered by Southern Baptists during Dr. Rankin's secretaryship.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen has carried

the administrative responsibilities of the board since January 1954. Advance continues, with work having been started in 41 additional countries. The present board building at Monument Avenue in Richmond, was erected in 1957.

From the beginning of 1933 the board's foreign staff grew from 1,350 to 2,526 at the close of 1971. In 1968 the agency named 261 missionaries according to a spokesman from the National Council of Churches, this

was the largest number ever assigned to overseas posts in a single year by any Protestant or Catholic group.

Executive Secretary Cauthen has suggested that the board approach the decade of the '70s in two five-year periods and aim for an annual net gain of at least 125 new missionaries in the first period. Such a rate of growth calls for \$2 million of new money annually, and the current annual budget of \$36 million would increase to over \$50 million.

## State Man On Program

## Medical Missions Conference Features Veteran Missionaries

RICHMOND — A personalized view of medical missions will be presented during the second of two annual medical missions conferences by missionary physicians and nurses who have served overseas in career and short-term assignments.

The conference, to be held in Richmond April 7-8, is the eastern counterpart of a conference held in Dallas in February. Both conferences were given the theme, "That They May Have Life."

Invited to attend are Baptist students and practitioners in medicine, dentistry, nursing and the paramedical fields, hospital administrators, pre-nursing and pre-medical students and campus ministers working with students in these fields.

Those interested in attending should contact Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, a Foreign Mission Board associate secretary for missionary personnel.

Besides talks by missionaries, the conference program will feature dialogues with them and small group meetings related to the different professions, Miss Dawkins says.

Four missionary physicians appearing on the program are Dr. Kathleen

Jones of Indonesia, Dr. Roy McGlamery of Gaza, Dr. William Skinner of Paraguay and Dr. Martha Gilliland of Nigeria.

Dr. Jones is a staff physician at the 150-bed Baptist hospital in Kediri, Indonesia. For over a year she was the only missionary physician in that country. Critical shortages in medical and other personnel forced her to act as hospital administrator, to supervise the outpatient clinic, perform minor surgery and supervise a resident and two interns. In addition, she tried to maintain Baptist clinic operations at another Indonesian island 1,000 miles from Kediri, and to continue negotiations with government officials for the building of a controversial Baptist hospital there.

Dr. Skinner is chief of pediatric and medical services at the Baptist hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Dr. McGlamery is a staff physician, hospital administrator and surgeon at the Gaza Baptist hospital. He coordinates all the hospital departments and directs his personal evangelistic efforts through the hospital. His church work includes teaching a boys' Sunday School class.

## FMB Now Has Over 2500 Missionaries In 75 Nations

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the entire foreign mission enterprise of Southern Baptists.

The board functions through the following committees:

1. Administrative committee, which handles all matters dealing with finance, general policy, and administration.

2. Six area committees, one each for South America, Middle America and the Caribbean, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe and the Middle East. Through the area secretaries these committees and the board receive recommendations from the Missions (organizations of missionaries) throughout the world as to needs, emergencies, programs, and aspirations, as well as matters of personal crisis to missionaries.

3. Committee on missionary education and promotion, which gives attention to the sharing of the message of missions throughout the convention. The department for this work is organized into three units: publications, promotion, and audio-visuals.

4. Committee on missionary person-

nel, which gives its attention to the task of bringing people to appointment by the board.

5. Special committees appointed from time to time as required.

The treasurer's office carries heavy responsibility in the handling of all funds entrusted to the Foreign Mission Board; the 1971 income totaled \$36,231,333. Business responsibilities of the board, such as purchasing, travel, and general business affairs, are discharged through the office of the business manager.

Drew J. Gunnells Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., is president of the board. Baker J. Cauthen, a former missionary to China and former secretary for the Orient, is the eighth executive secretary in the board's history, having assumed the post in January 1964.

About 245 employees are on the headquarters staff, comprising the Executive Office and three administrative divisions: Overseas, Mission Support, and Management Services. Most of these employees live in Richmond, but several are on the staff of the Missionary Orientation Center located at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.

## 64 Summer Missionaries Will Go To 18 Countries

RICHMOND — Baptist work in 18 countries will get a youth infusion this summer if the plans of 64 young people, their state Baptist Student Unions and the SBC Foreign Mission Board work out.

Most of the young people will fly to islands in the sun for their summer's work. The largest group, 15, will go to the nearest mission field, the Bahamas. Eight will go to Jamaica and four to Trinidad.

Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said that summer missionaries can work easily in these islands because English is the language of the inhabitants. In the Bahamas and Jamaica each summer missionary works with a national counterpart, Bryan added. Most of the young people will help to run Vacation Bible Schools in the islands.

On the other side of the world, four students will work in the Philippines, two in Guam and one in Japan.

Israel will get the second largest number, 11, with two others going to neighboring Gaza and one to Jordan. Assignments to African countries are: Ghana and Malawi, two each; Liberia, Rhodesia, Uganda and Zambia, one each. Three will go to Germany, three to Vietnam and two to Malaysia.

The young people, all Baptist college students, are selected and sponsored by their state BSUs and matched up with jobs overseas by the Foreign Mission Board following requests from regular missionaries on the field.

The summer missionaries-to-be, 34 men and 30 women, were at the Richmond, Va., headquarters of the board March 24-25 for an orientation—all except one who was a summer missionary last year and didn't need to repeat the preliminaries.

This year's students represent 49 colleges and universities and one hospital school of nursing in 19 states. For all, the term of service will be approximately eight weeks, general-

ly from about June 12 to August 14. All must return to the United States upon completion of their assignments.

Fees for passports, visas and inoculations, and costs of round-trip transportation, meals and lodging en route are paid by the state BSUs. Food, lodging and transportation on the field are taken care of by the mission.

The orientation was directed by Stanley A. Nelson and Miss Janie D. Tyler of the board's department of missionary personnel.

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's Mission Support Division, told the young people that merely going is not enough — they must do something and be something, as well. He urged them to be disciples and servants of all and to be "teachable."

They should seek God's provision for going, doing and being — an infilling of the Holy Spirit, said Fletcher. And they should come back home to bear a witness and share with others what they learn overseas.

The Missippians to serve are as follows:

Darrell Boggs, Mississippi College, Malaysia; Debra Brown, Mississippi College, Rhodesia; Linda Ruth Lipscomb, Hinds Junior College, Trinidad; Gary D. Pearce, Mississippi College, Vietnam; Michele Rogers, Mississippi College, Israel.

**TAWAU, Malaysia** — The new pastor of the Tawau Baptist Church, Isaac Yim Yee Sart, is the first national to assume duties as a Baptist pastor in Sabah. Yim, a recent graduate of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Seminary, replaces missionary Charles H. Morris of Illinois. Representatives of the East Malaysia Baptist Association, the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Mission and Tawau churches participated in the service. There were two professions of faith and six additions to the church that day. Southern Baptist missionaries began work in Sabah, a Malaysian state on the island of Borneo, in 1964.

## Texas Baptists, Mexicans Plan Farm Reform Effort

DALLAS (BP) — An agricultural missions effort aimed at making desert areas of northern Mexico "blossom like a rose" has been planned by Texas Baptists with approval of the Mexican government.

Texas Baptists will provide technical assistance to "help people help themselves" in areas where the rainfall is too scant for farming. Baptists also will supply implements, seeds and equipment supplies.

"Working together in a bond of brotherhood, we can transform barren land into green farms capable of producing great quantities of food," said T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here.

Patterson said that while the new agricultural development is a Baptist effort, "we want to extend a helping hand to every person in need, regardless of creed or race."

"We want to carry out this ministry

in the spirit of the Good Samaritan about which Jesus talked. At no point," he added, "must we lose sight of the priority of introducing men and women to Jesus. This project provides us with an open door for Christian witnessing."

The agreement calls for Baptist volunteers to help develop farm land about 10 miles into the states of Coahuila and Chihuahua. However, the scope of operations will extend along the Rio Grande River for about 250 miles between El Paso and Big Bend National Park.

"There has been a growing enthusiasm by Texas Baptist farmers and agricultural engineers to help the Mexico border communities help themselves through the use of better farming and livestock methods and facilities," said Elmin Howell, coordinator for the Texas Baptist River Ministry.

Howell said the River Ministry was

begun by Texas Baptists several years ago to involve more people from upstate churches in missions efforts along the 889 miles of the Rio Grande River.

Since the program began, said Howell, an estimated 50,000 laymen and youth have given vacation time to dig wells in Mexican communities, build churches and conduct Bible Schools along the Rio Grande. Also along the river, Texas Baptists operate four medical mobile clinics in buses and trucks. The clinics are regularly staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses from throughout the state, said Howell.

The new program of technical aid by volunteer specialists was only recently worked out between Baptists and the director general of Mexico's Rural Industries, Senor Lic. Pedro de Koster and his associates. A Midland, Tex., rancher, D. L. Kite, and his wife sold their interest in 11 ranches and an irrigated farm and moved to Marfa, Tex., to direct the agricultural venture for the first year.

The area is in the third year of a

severe drought, and most ejidos above Presidio have reported two consecutive crop failures.

"Irrigation would change the picture entirely," said Howell. He said the possibilities through cooperation and assistance are "good" in El Comedor, Mexico, where people have irrigated vegetable gardens and water piped into their homes. The water is brought to El Comedor from mountain springs through a pipeline laid by the residents with aid from members of Alamo Heights Baptist Church, Midland, Texas.

"The farmers said they are willing to work hard to feed, clothe and educate their families if we provide them with management information, irrigation water, farm machinery," said Howell. He added that assistance in some cases would include flood protection, land leveling, land clearing and ditching.

Howell said the equipment needs include tractors and plows, planters and cultivators, irrigation equipment, heavy dirt moving equipment, maintenance supplies and livestock equipment.

## Missions Briefs

**GUADALAJARA, Mexico** — A new \$28,000 medical building adjacent to the Mexican-American Baptist Hospital here has been dedicated. The building is in two units, each with a waiting room and four doctors' offices. Construction allows for a second story to be added later. Doctors who want a branch office in the building can rent space on a part-time basis. Hospital administrator Jorge Angel Rodriguez says that the proximity of the professional building to the Baptist hospital will encourage doctors to practice there.

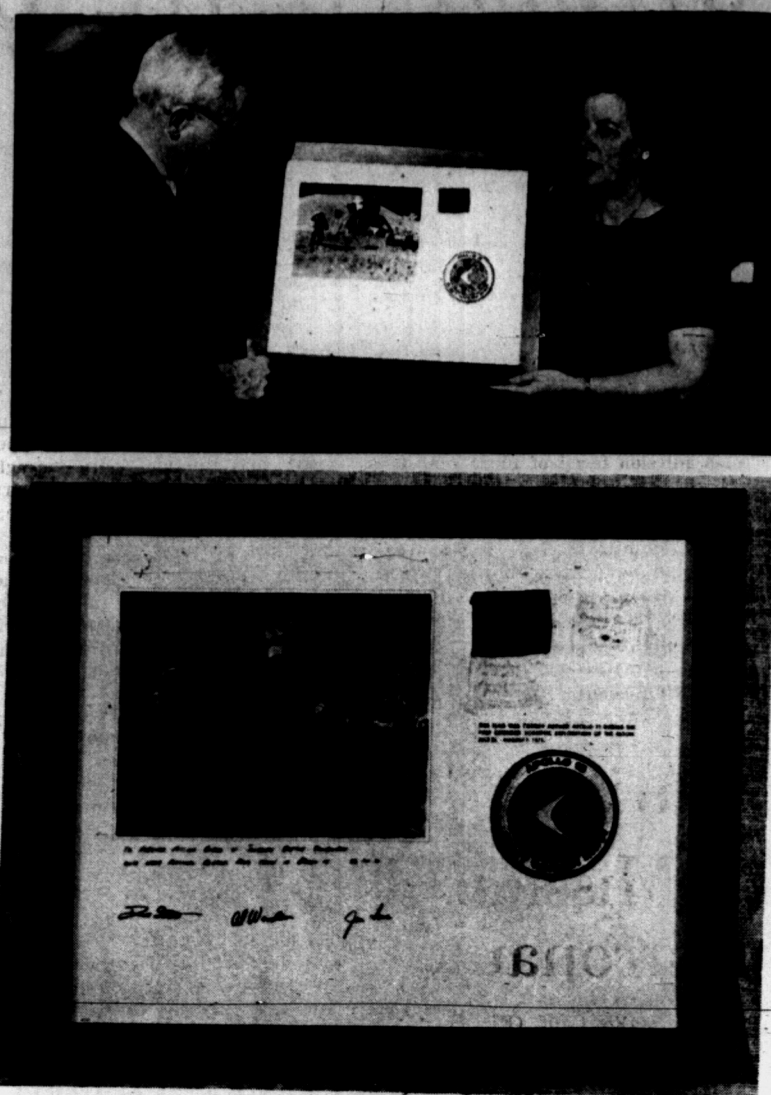
**QUITO, Ecuador** — Forty-five messengers from 20 churches held a special meeting here preparatory to organizing a national Baptist convention. They discussed a constitution and elected five provisional officers for the proposed convention. The officers are all Ecuadorians except one Southern Baptist missionary. As second vice president, missionary James P. Gilbert of Mississippi will coordinate the convention's activities. Alberto Lopez, pastor of First Baptist Church, Guayaquil, is the convention's provisional president. The initial convention session is scheduled for Oct. 7-9 in Guayaquil.

Southern Baptist work began in this country in 1950, and Central Baptist Church was the first organized. The pre-convention session was part of Central's 20th anniversary celebration. Ecuador's 33 Baptist churches and 25 missions have over 1,600 members.

**AKEPE, Togo** — Fifty-four persons were baptized in a single service here. Missionary Bill Bullington, who conducted the service, described the scene: "Between 400 and 450 people were crowded under and around a brush arbor constructed of bamboo poles and palm branches. The candidates were baptized in a coffin-like, collapsible baptistry." He described the contrast between the baptism and a non-Christian burial service in progress nearby. "Grieving relatives and friends looked on without hope or consolation as the body was placed in the earth. Under the brush arbor redeemed men and women were being buried in the baptismal waters and raised up... portraying their resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ."

**ASUNCION, Paraguay** — The nursing school of Baptist Hospital here has received official recognition from the Paraguay ministry of public health and social welfare. Key persons in the accomplishment were Miss Rosalie Weatherford, who has just returned to the States after two years here as a special project nurse, and Mrs. Betty Harper, career missionary nurse assigned to Paraguay.

**LIVERPOOL, England** — Baptists at Speke used 14 candles, a hurricane lamp, and a couple of headlamps to light their church for a baptismal service one evening during England's power crisis. The service, during which four persons were baptized, was held on Saturday evening so that members of other local churches could attend. And, according to reports, they did attend in strength.



Moon Memorabilia Given To FMB

A special Christian flag, a photograph of the Apollo 15 moonwalk and a flight insignia are the newest additions to the "International Room" of the Foreign Mission Board's library in Richmond. Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen and Librarian Nell Stanley are shown discussing the recent gifts which were sent to Cauthen by astronaut and Baptist layman Jim Irwin for presentation to the board in its March meeting. The small flag, on which six Foreign Mission Board staff members signed their names and wrote Scripture references prior to the mission, was carried in the space capsule when it went to the moon last July. The framed gift carries the following greeting signed by astronauts Dave Scott, Al Worden and Jim Irwin: "To the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with warm personal regards from the crew of Apollo 15. 26 Oct. '71."



In the Ecuadorian jungle region of Oriente, a woman sorts naranjillas for shipment to market. The green fruit, a sort of orange, is used for juice and preserves. Naranjillas are shipped from from Oriente to the major cities of Ecuador.

## Church Grows In Ecuadorian Jungle

There's a First Baptist Church in the jungles of Ecuador, namely the ranches out of the Oriente, Ecuador's Oriente at Parroquia Diez de Agosto.

A national land reform program has brought colonizers to carve farms and ranches out of the Oriente, Ecuador's vast eastern jungle region. Significant petroleum discoveries in recent years have attracted others.

In February 1969 a few settlers formed themselves into a congregation when a lay preacher from Quito, Jose Miguel Tusa, visited the community of Parroquia Diez de Agosto (Tenth of August Parish). Later a church in Quito accepted the group as a mission.

Southern Baptist missionary James Muse, pastor of the Quito church, and one of his colleagues, James Gilbert,

Mississippian, made occasional visits, preaching and conducting baptismal services.

Early this year the 13-member congregation, at its own request, was constituted into a church, and Tusa became its regular pastor. A member donated a lot on which to build a sanctuary.

An early project of the church will be an agricultural assistant program, using purebred cattle to help upgrade local livestock. The church brought five acres of land for this purpose.

The small church with the long name is just a beginning, says missionary Stanley Stamps, another former Mississippian. This is an area, he says, which promises to be Ecuador's land of tomorrow.

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